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Manchester United and England



**'My career
after football'
JOHAN CRUYFF**

WOLVES SEARCHING FOR 'KEEPERS

WANT TO be a goalkeeper? Wolves' youth development officer John Jarman held a course for budding 'keepers at the club's training ground recently.

But he may have missed YOU. If you fancy your chance and are between the ages of 13 and 16, just contact John at Molineux. You could be the boy he is searching for.

SOUTHEND 'keeper Sean Rafter is reckoned by good judges to be the best in the Fourth Division. Which is why Spurs and Brighton head his queue of admirers.

Fenton at Forest



AS YOU probably know, former Notts County manager Ron Fenton is now in charge of the reserves at neighbours Forest.

The day after he was sacked by County, Ron received a phone call from Forest's assistant-manager Peter Taylor offering him the job, which was announced after the recent Forest v. County League Cup tie.

During the match many County fans approached Ron Fenton and thanked him for all the hard work he had done for the club.

Which proves there are still some very nice people following the game.

WHO'S the player who turned down the chance to captain his team? It's Norman Hunter.

Asked by Bristol City manager Alan Dicks to take over from Geoff Merrick, Norman refused.

"I don't like being captain of any side," said the former Leeds and England star, although he could give no valid reason for his dislike of leading the team, except that he has always preferred someone else to give the orders on the field.

Brummie will miss Want

NO MEMBER of Birmingham City's team this season has earned higher praise than Tony Want, the former full-back turned into a powerful, non-stop midfielder.

But, City must soon lose the services of the ex-Tottenham player.

In January he returns to Minnesota to rejoin Freddie Goodwin, manager of the American club, and the man who signed him for Birmingham in 1972. Tony will be missed at St. Andrews.

OLD STAG

MANSFIELD defender Sandy Pate completed ten years with the club in October. After joining The Stags from Watford, the Scot made his debut in an away match against Stockport on October 13th, 1967.

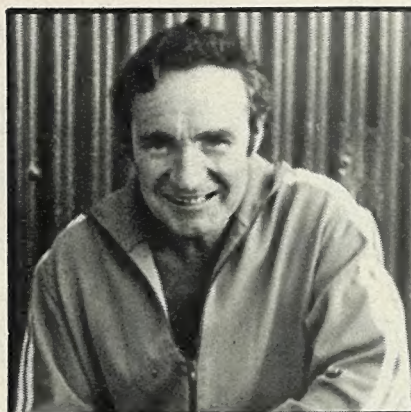
A testimonial is being organised for Sandy. And very well deserved, too.

ON OCTOBER 21st, Halifax travelled to Southport looking for their first away win since March 17th, 1976 (35 successive games).

They won 2-1 and brought their dismal run to an end. Strange that Halifax should have broken their duck in that match.

Their opponents Southport were without an away win since April 19th, 1976. An unsuccessful run of 31 League games.

● **CHESTERFIELD** made a loss of £11,468 last season, an increase of £7,000 on the previous year's deficit.



ATHLONE'S NEW BOSS

SEAN THOMAS, relieved of the manager's role at Shamrock Rovers when Johnny Giles took over, has been appointed manager of Athlone Town.

Thomas, acknowledged as one of Ireland's leading coaches, won every honour in two spells at both Rovers and Bohemians.

Among players he coached at those clubs were Gerry Daly, Mick Martin, Jimmy Conway and Paddy Mulligan.



COMPILED BY PETER STEWART

THE WORLD CUP-A BONUS FOR 'LASH' LORIMER

PETER LORIMER is looking to pass a couple of landmarks in this his benefit season.

Leeds United's likeable Scot is in sight of his 600th senior appearance with the club, but I suspect even dearer to his heart is the club's goalscoring record.

The holder is that most famous of all Leeds players, the great Welshman John Charles, who chalked up 154 League goals for the club.

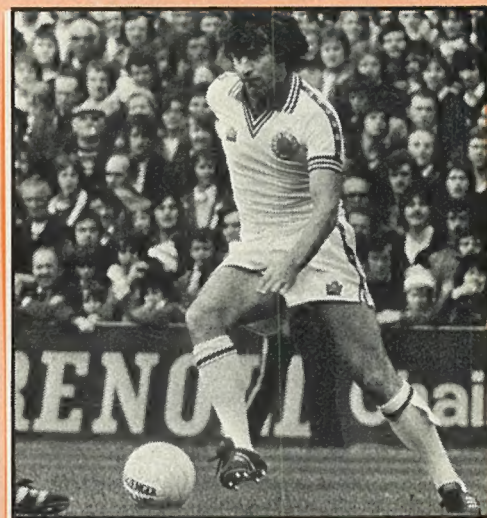
"Lash" is on 150 at the time of writing and must stand a great chance of passing the great King John as he is playing as well as ever at the moment.

A year ago, Lorimer, who made his debut over 15 years ago, was at odds with manager Jimmy Armfield who left him on the subs' bench regularly.

This season his fortunes have changed drastically, and from being an out-and-out winger Lorimer has developed into a creative midfielder player able to exploit his ferocious shooting from different positions.

Before the start of the season Armfield decided to try out some ultra attacking positions, included Lorimer in his plans, and things worked out so well, Peter is now playing well enough to come into Scotland's World Cup reckoning.

Now that would be a bonus in his testimonial year!



REF IN DEMAND

PAT PARTRIDGE, of Cockfield (County Durham), is living up to his reputation as a globe trotter.

The 1975 F.A. Cup Final referee continues in demand abroad. In the space of a fortnight he controlled World Cup matches in Holland and Iran — with a U.E.F.A. Cup-tie sandwiched in between!

NEWPORT HEADING FOR PROMOTION

NEWPORT COUNTY have made one of their most promising starts to a season for some years.

At the end of October last season they were struggling in 21st place in the Fourth Division. This year they are challenging for a promotion place, a tribute to their manager Colin Addison and their inspiring skipper, Eire cap Tony Byrne, who was with Colin at Hereford.

Newport must have one of the smallest pair of full-backs in the League for Tony Byrne and his partner Gary Bell are both around 5ft. 7ins. tall.

But what they lack in inches is compensated for by their work-rate.

This could be Newport's chance to return to the Third Division after 16 years in the lowest section.

DANNY AND DENIS VIP's

FORMER international opponents Danny Blanchflower (Northern Ireland) and Denis Law (Scotland) were among the special VIP guests when Ballymena United celebrated the opening of their new £50,000 playing pitch, dressing rooms and administrative facilities at The Showgrounds, on October 22.

And United's newly-signed striker Billy McAvoy, from Ards, made it a day to remember when he scored two debut goals in the

2-1 Hennessy Gold Cup defeat of reigning League Champions Glentoran.

While at Ards, 28-year-old McAvoy won youth, amateur, Under-23 and Inter-League honours for Northern Ireland, netting more than 300 goals in around 400 senior appearances, including a brilliant foursome in Ards' 1969 Irish Cup Final win over Distillery.



Nicky wins SHOOT award

THE ARSENAL v Southampton League Cup match at Highbury, on Tuesday October 25th, was also a big night for young Arsenal goalkeeper Nicky Sullivan.

In front of over 40,000 fans, Nicky received a SHOOT "Man of the Match" award from Pontin's Public Relations executive Walter Rowley.

Nicky won the trophy for his display in the Final of the Pontin six-a-side competition played before the Charity Shield at Wembley in August.

Joe Mercer, who is a member of the Pontin Football Committee, selected Nicky for his brilliant saves in a 0-0 draw with Q.P.R.

Then, in the penalty decider at the end, he saved a couple of Rangers' kicks before scoring from the spot himself to help Arsenal win the trophy.

'FIRST DIVISION NOT SO TOUGH'

ARCHIE Gemmill, Nottingham Forest's Scottish firebrand midfielder, isn't so sure the English First Division is as tough as it's reputed to be.

"There's a lot of nonsense talked about the First Division being the most competitive in the world," he says. "I'll bet this season's Championship will be decided between five clubs... Forest, Liverpool, Man. City, Everton and Man. United."

FORMER Millwall and Coventry 'keeper Bryan King, forced to quit the game last season because of a knee injury, is hoping to find a new career in America. Bryan, 30, says: "I'm trying to fix myself up with a club in the States."



Larne's £80,000 Trio

THE recent £80,000 triple-transfer of Larne starlets Jim Hagan, Paul Thompson (to Coventry City), and Colin McCurdy (to Fulham), in the space of 24 hours, was the most lucrative deal in the East Antrim outfit's relatively short senior history.

Central-defender Hagan, 20, and 17-year-old midfielder Thompson, both ex-Northern Ireland Youth caps, had attracted several top cross-Channel clubs before Coventry paid a combined £55,000 fee for their services.

Striker McCurdy, scorer of 25 goals last term and on the fringe of full Irish honours, joins fellow-Ulsterman George Best at Craven Cottage. His £25,000 capture — potentially one of the best bargain buys of the term — should give Fulham greater goal-power up-front.

And another Larne prospect who could soon be on the move to an English or Scottish club is 22-year-old striker Gerry O'Kane, who cost the Inver Park outfit a record £5,000 when signed from Cliftonville earlier this term.

ARSENAL's balance sheet for last season makes interesting reading. It shows that two "employees" earned between £15,000 and £17,500... two more between £12,500 and £15,000 and three between £10,000 and £12,500.

DARLINGTON'S SOCCER LOTTERY

● **FOURTH** Division Darlington are ready to launch a special lottery with a £1,000 first prize every fortnight.

The target is £25,000 a season. The aim is more seats.

Director Derek Mason says: "We hope to cut down hooliganism and encourage parents to bring their children to matches."

Other clubs could follow this example.

BIG SELLERS STOKE

STOKE City must have set up something of a record on the selling side of their transfer account last year.

We reckon they coined almost a million pounds in 12 months with the sales of Peter Shilton and Sean Haslegrave to Nottingham Forest, Ian Moores to Spurs, Jimmy Greenhoff to Manchester United, Alan Hudson to Arsenal, Mike Pejic to Everton, John Ruggerio to Brighton, John Mahoney to Middlesbrough and Geoff Salmons to Leicester.

Only one thing wrong. They've slipped from the First Division to the middle of the Second.

FOLEY'S THE NAME

FOLEY is not a very common name in football, in fact it's quite uncommon. Yet, when Colchester United met Oxford United on October 14th, in a 1-1 draw, BOTH goals were scored by a Foley — Steve for Colchester, and Peter for Oxford.

They are not related in any way.

BOLTON Wanderers have just signed schoolboy twins Robert and Graham Palin. If they go on to appear in the first team together they'll be only the fifth pair to do so since the Second World War. The others were David and Peter Jackson (Bradford City), John and Alf Stephens (Swindon), Ian and Roger Morgan (Queens Park Rangers) and Ron and Paul Fletcher (Chester and Luton Town).

SECOND WALLACE

DUNDEE United now have "twin" strikers with the same names. And both played with Raith Rovers during their careers.

The first, Gordon Wallace (32), arrived at Tannadice a year ago after a spell playing for Seattle Wanderers. He had previously been given a transfer by Dundee and was an ex-Raith player.

United last month signed Gordon Wallace number two a 26-year-old striker from Raith Rovers for £12,000. He had been seven seasons at Kirkcaldy and top-scorer.



BRIAN Thompson, West Ham's 18-year-old Scottish-born right-winger, had an unusual experience.

He visited Africa for a year and played in the Third Division of the Zaire League — and he was the only white player in the League.

Brian, who was previously with Morecambe, won North Lancashire schoolboy honours and was capped by Lancashire as a youth.

He signed as a professional last December with The Hammers and has been giving some fine performances in the Football Combination side.

WHEN former Tottenham and England goalkeeper Ted Ditchburn opened his second sports shop in Romford, Essex, recently, his close friend Pat Jennings went along to commemorate the occasion.

Pat, of course, made 472 League appearances — a club record — for Spurs before his transfer to Arsenal during the summer.

Such is Pat's popularity, even in an area packed with West Ham fans, it took police over two hours to clear an eager, friendly crowd of young autograph hunters away from the shop after the opening ceremony.

All on SHOOT wish Ted Ditchburn as much success in business as he was between the sticks for Spurs during the late Forties and Fifties.

RESULT OF SHOOT FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Super Mikasa 2000S footballs were the prizes in our Competition featured in the 24th September issue, and there's one on its way to each of the following 25 readers who were senders of the first correct answers checked after the closing date:—

Judith Barrett, Yeovil; Darren Bird, Seaham; Richard Cawthorn, Gateshead; J. Steven Connolly, Warrington; Gordon Crawford, Clackmannanshire; Keith Dagnall, St. Helens; Neil Ditch, Blandford Forum; Graham Harrison, Bitterne; David Heywood, Sutton; David Hill, Warley; Andrew Huelin, Jersey; Wayne Jackson, Maryport; Alan Martin, Tolland; Kieran McGovern, Basingstoke;

Robert Natish, Chichester; Mark Owen, Coventry; Steven Parker, Strood; David Parry, Rhyl; Simon Rogers, Droitwich; Kevin Stephen, Otterburn; Kevin Webb, Biggleswade; Sean Whelan, Mid Dieton; Mark Whines, Hawkwell; Trevor Woods, Hindhead; Bryan Young, Gosport.

The answers to the quiz were: 1. A HEADER by Tommy Smith brought

Liverpool's second goal against Borussia Monchengladbach in last season's European Cup Final. 2. The player who scored for England in their game against Scotland in May was MIKE CHANNON. 3. When England met Holland at Wembley last February it was Dutch star JAN PETERS who dashed England's hopes with two superb goals. Congratulations to all our winners!

FOOTBALL FUNNIES



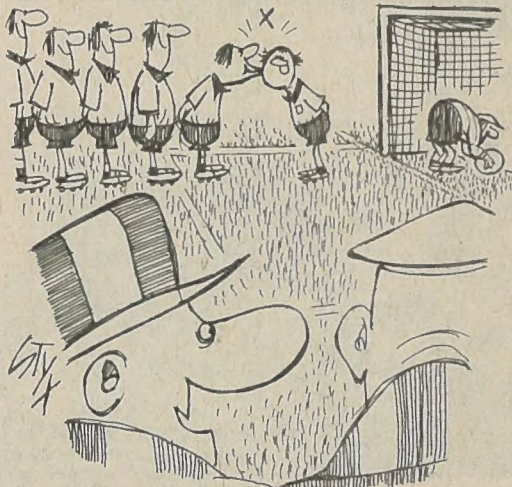
This week Rab Prentice of Hearts selects the jokes specially drawn by our cartoonist Styx



"My Dad says you're called a coach because you drive everyone like horses"



"Been showing our new striker around, boss — wanted to know what this was"



"Now that's what I call discipline on the field of play"



"Our chairman heard you singing in the bath — he's placing you on the free transfer list"



"Isn't it funny. You could have been playing for Leeds, Arsenal or West Brom but fate intervened and gave you to me"

NOBBY

DO ME A FAVOUR, WILL YOU?



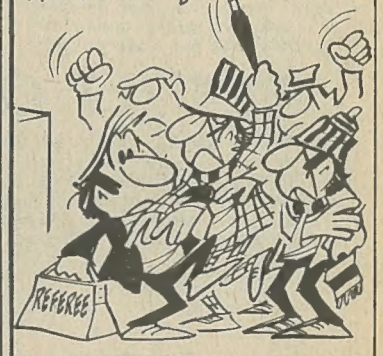
AND CARRY MY BAG OUT TO MY CAR



THERE'S NOTHING LIKE KEEPING WELL IN WITH A REFEREE



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SEND Scotland to Argentina now!

Since they beat Wales at Anfield last month to clinch a place in the World Cup Finals for the second successive time, the Jocks at Old Trafford have made life a misery for United's English and Irish contingents.

The Scots lads haven't stopped crowing about their country's fine achievement and England's dismal failure.

Skipper Martin Buchan is a bit more philosophical about it all. He gives you the impression that he can't understand what all the fuss is about because he was convinced Scotland would qualify. Going to Argentina was a foregone conclusion.

Martin played in the 1974 Finals in West Germany and is confident the present Scotland squad can go further in the tournament this time.

As you'll recall, the Scots failed to progress to the Second Round in '74, despite finishing unbeaten in their Group.

Although the rest of United's Tartan Clan, Arthur Albiston, Stewart Houston, Alex Forsyth and Stevie Paterson don't expect to make the trip to South America next summer, their hearts will be out there.

Seriously, I was delighted Scotland qualified. They thoroughly deserve their triumph.

They are the best and strongest international side in Britain.

There was no fluke about their achievement. Forget that controversial goal against Wales. Scotland are through to the Finals on merit.

Manager Ally MacLeod is fortunate in having several world-class players available. I'm talking about the likes of Martin Buchan, Kenny Dalglish and Danny McGrain.

Many foreign critics have "knocked" English football, yet most of these super Scots are from clubs in the Football League.

Why do Scots thrive in English football? How can Scotland produce a successful international side when England are struggling?

These are questions that have been puzzling me for a long while. They are not easy to answer.

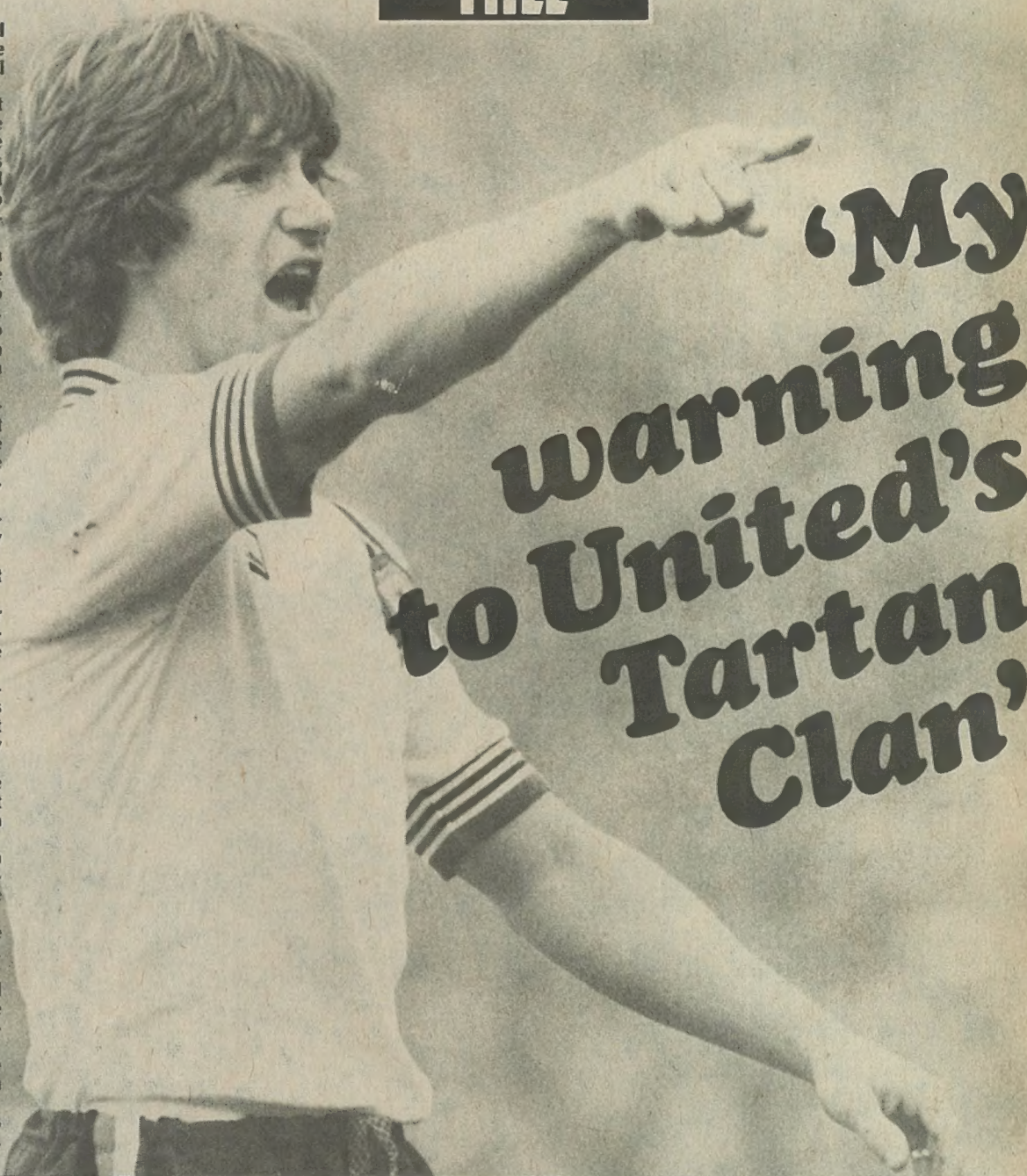
One reason the Anglos do so well for Scotland is maybe due to the tougher, more demanding competition of the English First Division.

More of them also get the chance to gain valued experience in Europe.

There are also greater rewards and incentives South of the border, which help to sharpen a player.

my soccer scene

**GORDON
HILL**



**'My
warning
to United's
Tartan
Clan'**

Unlucky Denis

Which current Football League player has broken the most bones in his career?

**STUART WILSON,
MORECAMBE**

● Afraid that's not the sort of unwellcome "record" that normally finds its way into the reference books, Stuart — but, in any poll for the title of "Britain's Most-Battered Footballer", I reckon my own vote would certainly go to Stoke's long-serving defender Denis Smith.

He's broken a leg five times — three right; two left — and also fractured an ankle, and broken a couple of toes.

A hand has been cracked, and there's been a chipped spine. Not forgetting a fractured collar-bone.

His nose has also been broken three

times — though, to be fair, once was while playing cricket.

Somehow (if he'll pardon the pun) I reckon poor old Denis deserves a better break!

Edinburgh derby

Please settle an argument — have Hearts and Hibs ever met in a Scottish Cup Final?

**RAYMOND SANDISON,
MIDLOTHIAN**

● Yes, they have, Raymond — but only the once, and that was a very long time ago.

In 1896, the local Edinburgh rivals met in the Final — Hearts running out 3-1 winners.

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Ladies' Final

Can you tell me who won the LADIES' Cup Final last season?

**MOIRA MACDONALD,
EDINBURGH**

● Q.P.R.'s Carrie Staley scored the only goal of the Pony Cup Final — the women's equivalent of the F.A. Cup — against Southampton last May, Moira.

Which neatly avenged Rangers' defeat by Southampton in the previous season's Final.

Double Parked!

Have two players with the same Christian name and surname ever played against each other in the same game?

**NIGEL STEAD,
WALLINGTON**



Kenny Dalglish gets that World Cup feeling after scoring Scotland's second goal against Wales at Anfield.



Martin Peters should have played for England against Italy ... according to his Norwich boss John Bond.



I'm not saying the Scottish Premier Division is an easy League, but even the most ardent of their fans must agree we have more strength in depth.

How many people would put money on say Ayr, Motherwell or Partick Thistle winning top honours season after season?

It's always Celtic or Rangers — and it always will be.

I know the Celts are struggling a little at the moment, but they've only got to win three or four matches on the trot and they'll be right back challenging at the top.

At international level, the fact Scotland have had a settled side for some time is a tremendous advantage.

Ally MacLeod has put the finishing touches to the team Willie Ormond built.

England have tried so many players over the past couple of years, it has been impossible to develop a firm understanding, or team spirit.

Mr MacLeod is a totally different character to Willie Ormond. Brash, confident and extrovert, the

Muhammad Ali of Scottish Football is a showman.

Let's hope his command performance takes place in Argentina next summer.

Although not one of the firm favourites to win the trophy, I'm sure Scotland will do their country — and the whole of Britain — proud.

But a word of warning to the jocks of MACchester United. Don't be so hasty in your criticisms of England. Or so eager to ram Scotland's performance down our throats.

Remember, success goes in cycles.

We've had our moments of glory and it's only a matter of time before England become a world force once more.

When that day comes, Scotland, Holland, West Germany and Italy may well be back in the doldrums.

Then it will be my turn to do the Highland Fling.

No top Scots at Norwich City, United's opponents at Old Trafford this Saturday (November 19th).

● Can't often have happened, Nigel, but I can quote one quite recent instance — and of players in the same position, too.

Both home and away First Division games between Q.P.R. and Wolves in the 1975-76 season saw a Phil Parkes playing in goal at each end.

"One Pen Lee"

Which player has scored the most penalties in Football League games in a single season?

MARK FARRELL, MERSEYSIDE

● Former England star Francis Lee's your man there, Mark.

Playing for Manchester City, in 1971-72 season, Frannie slotted home 13 penalties in his 42 First Division games and won the nickname "One Pen Lee"

Lou Macari

Can you tell me which major League clubs Lou Macari played for prior to joining Manchester United?

KATHERINE YOUNG, BARROW

● Before £200,000 Macari arrived at Old Trafford, in January, 1973, he'd played for only one senior club, Katherine.

That was Celtic — for whom he scored 27 goals in 56 League games.

French treble

I support France, and I'd like to know how many times they've beaten England in full internationals?

IBRAHIM WABEWAIR, BLACKBURN

● Only three times I'm afraid, Ibrahim, in 18 meetings between the first in Paris in May, 1923, and the last at Wembley in March, 1969.

The French victories were by 5-2 (14th May, 1931), 1-0 (15th May, 1955), and 5-2 (27th Feb, 1963).

Of the other 15 games, England won 13, with a couple of draws.

Full house

What's the highest attendance for a Fourth Division game?

RICHARD JORDAN, STOURBRIDGE

● 37,774 paid to see Crystal Palace play Millwall on 31st March, 1961, Richard.

Both teams had eyes on promotion in this Good Friday London derby — and, though Millwall won 2-0, it was Palace who moved up to the Third at the end of the season.

They do have a former England World Cup hero, though. Martin Peters who scored our second goal against West Germany at Wembley in 1966.

Martin is skipper of Norwich and playing so well this season, after a spell out with an injury, that his boss John Bond said in SHOOT recently he should have been recalled to the England side for their World Cup-tie against Italy.

Norwich have always been a bit of a bogey team to United. Older readers and fans will recall their epic F.A. Cup victory at Old Trafford ten years ago.

Last season they held us to a 2-2 draw on our patch. Gerry Daly (penalty) and I scored our face-saving goals, Ryan and Boyer replying for The Canaries.

My record of forecasting results so far this season has been shameful, so I'm not going to stick my neck out again for a while.

Let's just say I'm keeping my fingers crossed United can regain something of our usual form this weekend and knock the stuffing out of those Canaries.

I have a great respect for their manager John Bond, who was once a team-mate of my own boss Dave Sexton at West Ham.

They should have quite a reunion this Saturday.

Now a personal request. This Sunday (November 20th), my wife Jackie and I will be attending a special sporting tournament at the Wardon Youth Club Centre in Worcester.

The events will be rather similar to the "All In The Game" series which was on TV recently.

Among the prizes I'll be presenting will be autographed footballs and shirts, signed by the lads at Manchester United.

I realise this is short notice, but if you fancy a good day out and are in the area why not pop along to the Wardon Youth Centre.

Jackie and I look forward to seeing you there ...

George H.O.

SHORT PASSES

● Roger Hunt scored a club-record 245 League goals for Liverpool; and 18 in 34 full internationals for England.

(PETER GREENEY, Bootle)

● The last winners of the old North and South sections of the Third Divisions, in 1957-58, were Scunthorpe and Brighton.

(IAN PROFFITT, Southport)

Our Expert would like to point out that although all letters are read, he can only reply to published questions because of shortage of time.

A representative from each of the Four Divisions of the Football League talks about his club's fortunes — and gives impressions about other teams and players

'OUR

'A disastrous start'

JOHN BIRD
Newcastle United

WITH a quarter of the season gone and Newcastle stuck at the bottom end of the table with just two wins in 13 matches, it was a disastrous start for us. And one of our opening games was a real disappointment, the match against West Bromwich — we not only lost to the better side on the day but also came up against the lethal double spearhead of Laurie Cunningham and Cyrille Regis.

Both players are highly talented, and it is remarkable that Regis, who is only 19, had so much to offer at Newcastle in spite of being new to First Division football.

So far this season, these are the two men who have impressed me tremendously for the understanding they have developed between them.

One bright spot for Newcastle was our 3-2 win over Leeds at home in the first League match of the season, and we were encour-



aged by it — from a personal point of view I was pleased to be in a winning side.

Looking back to reflect that Newcastle qualified for Europe last May, and considering most of that team is still available, I feel sure we can move up the table.

Actually, even though we lost against Liverpool at Anfield early in the season, I thought we showed enough ability in the opening half not to feel disgraced at losing to a side of their calibre.

And when making any predictions about possible League Champions, I have to go for Liverpool — they simply cannot be over-looked. But it's too early yet to prophesy who will be relegated in Division One — and it certainly won't be Newcastle United.



Spurs look like making a speedy return to Division One. New-boy Colin Lee heads in their first goal of nine v. Bristol R.



West Brom have a fine double spearhead in 19-year-old Cyrille Regis and Laurie Cunningham.



'Plenty of good football'

DAI DAVIES
Wrexham

FOR me, the best example of a team display this season was when we beat Cambridge 4-1.

All round, we turned in a very convincing performance, and the win gave us confidence.

With that win, we gained seven



out of a possible eight points in four matches, and I see us as promotion challengers.

Last season, we came very close to going up into Division Two, and want to improve on it this time.

My own best game this term was against Chester, when I felt satisfied with my handling of the ball and my general performance.

From a personal point of view, the biggest disappointment I've

SEASON SO FAR'

'Spurs have impressed me'

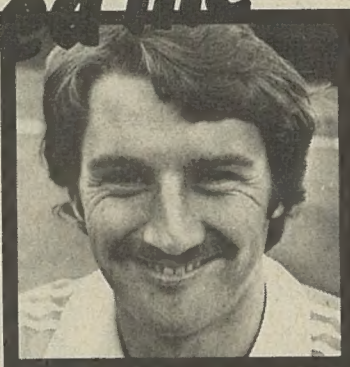
MICKEY WALSH
Blackpool

EVEN though the season is barely one-quarter through, I can't help feeling that this time Blackpool will finish in the top three.

One of my reasons for confidence comes from the way Bob Hatton has been knocking in the goals for us — with him in our line-up, other teams find it harder to hold our attack.

Blackpool's best performance so far was against Crystal Palace, when we won 3-1 and linked up well in every department. I also rate this match as my own personal best.

Looking for teams who could be big obstacles to our promotion plans, I must pick out Tottenham and Bolton. It is Spurs who have impressed me more than any other side in the Second Division, and brought it home to me that the competition at the top will be very tough this term — and Bolton are another talented side.



I think the overall standard in our Division is good, and if I have any disappointment at all, it is only that I would like to have chalked up a few more goals.

But there is time yet, and the other lads say I'm saving myself for when Blackpool are on television to score.

I believe three-up and three-down has been good for the Second, and up to the present moment I've not played against any side I could honestly label as being likely to have to fight against relegation.



Huddersfield's Kevin Johnson will stand out this season in the Fourth Division



'No team better than us'

DICK MALONE
Hartlepool

ANALYSING Hartlepool's performances up to this stage in the season, I think we've held our own pretty well considering the injuries we have had.

Players such as Tommy Gibb and Eric McMordie, who are key-men, have been out of the side and this has upset our balance.

But Hartlepool have impressed me enough for me to believe we'll be among the leaders this term.

And so far, it's difficult to pick

out any match in which we've been particularly outstanding — I believe that we've played well in most games. No team we've met up to this point has stood out as being better than us.

My overall impression of the Fourth Division in my first season in it is that it's not as physical as it is made out to be, and the football is good.

The fact that I've scored a couple of goals from the full-back position brought me satisfaction, even though I've been frustrated at missing matches through injury.

I enjoy playing an attacking game, and all I'm hoping for is that Hartlepool have comparative freedom from injuries.

Then we'll be able to show what we are capable of, and give the clubs who have promotion ideas a run for their money.

One team I do expect to see in a top place is Southend — they are a side likely to command respect wherever they play. And nominating a player who should stand out this season, I would plump for Kevin Johnson, of Huddersfield — I think he has what it takes to be very successful this term.



Third Division Swindon will be promotion challengers.

experienced since August occurred when red tape prevented me from playing for Wales abroad — especially as I look forward to appearing for my country.

I was selected for Wales against Kuwait in the Persian Gulf, then Arab immigration authorities refused me entry into Kuwait as I had an Israeli stamp on my passport.

In the Third Division, there is

plenty of good football, and although there is some physical stuff, it takes second place to skill.

Swindon showed some skill when we met them, impressing me as a side that could be involved in the promotion race.

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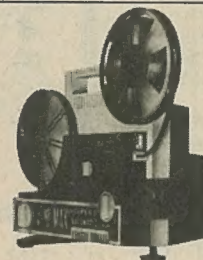
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SCHOOLBOY IN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In the late 1920's a Bradford schoolboy matured so quickly that the local Park Avenue club put him in their Second Division side at outside-right despite the fact that he had still not reached his 16th birthday. The player was Albert Geldard, who made his League debut against Millwall on September 16th, 1929, when he was 15 years 156 days old. Albert had already been capped as a schoolboy and was soon being tipped as a future senior international.

He went on to fulfil that early promise, making the first of four appearances for England against Italy in Rome in 1933. By then he had transferred to Everton and helped them win the F.A. Cup. Albert Geldard rounded off his League career at Bolton, playing his last games in 1946-47.

OLDEST PLAYER

On March 15th, 1947, New Brighton were due to meet Hartlepool United in a Third Division (North) game and found themselves without a fit goalkeeper. So manager Neil McBain, who had turned professional with Ayr United some 35 years earlier, stepped into the breach and created football history as the oldest player ever to appear in the Football League — 52 years and four months.

It is worth noting Neil McBain had not been a goalkeeper during his lengthy career, but had generally played at half-back. Unfortunately, there was no happy ending because New Brighton were beaten 3-0.

YOUNGEST SCORER

In season 1927-28 Bristol Rovers introduced a talented inside-forward into their Third Division (South) side who was destined to hit the headlines as a First Division player. As a schoolboy he had captained England and he did not take long to make his mark in the Football League. His name was Ronnie Dix, and when, in his second League appearance he got a goal, he became the youngest player ever to score in the Football League. The date was March 3rd, 1928, in a game against Norwich City when Ronnie's age was 15 years 180 days. Ronnie subsequently played for Blackburn Rovers, Aston Villa, Derby County, Tottenham Hotspur and Reading, and got a full England cap against Norway at Newcastle in 1938.



Top left ... Albert Geldard, youngest League player. Above ... Ronnie Dix, youngest League scorer.

F.A. Cup

BURNLEY CRASH

The last occasion a First Division side was knocked-out of the F.A. Cup by a non-League club is recent enough to be well remembered by all football fans. Wimbledon's 1-0 victory over Burnley at Turf Moor took place in a Third Round tie on January 4th, 1975.

Burnley were seventh in the First Division at the time and the home supporters were shattered to see their favourites beaten by a goal from Mick Mahon. That winner was scored soon after the interval and although Burnley fought determinedly to re-capture their lost pride they were frustrated by some wonderful goalkeeping by Dickie Guy.



A goal from Mick Mahon (above, left) knocked Burnley out of the F.A. Cup.

LIONS A ROARING SUCCESS

In 1937 Millwall became the first Third Division club to reach the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup and their most remarkable victory in that great Cup run was to beat Manchester City who were due to become League Champions that season. It was the first season Charlie Hewitt was manager at The Den, and before meeting Manchester City in the Cup they had disposed of Aldershot 6-1 (away), Gateshead 7-0 (h), Fulham 2-0 (h), Chelsea 3-0 (h), and Derby County 2-1 (h). After beating two First Division sides (Chelsea and Derby) nobody was too keen

to write them off against Manchester City, especially as Millwall were again at home, but Manchester City had proved themselves to be a devastating attacking team in the First Division that season with Peter Doherty having no superior in the country as an inside-forward. Manchester City's forward line against Millwall was Ernie Toseland, Alex Herd, Fred Tilson, Peter Doherty and Eric Brook.

The experts couldn't see Third Division Millwall being able to hold that talented combination. But the experts were proved wrong, and how, for Millwall did more than hold the City, they over-ran their defence while The Lions' half-back line of Tom Broly, John Wallbanks and Jim Forsyth, completely dominated the City attack.

Millwall centre-forward, Dave Mangnall, headed two goals, one in each half, as well as hitting an upright with another effort, and despite losing inside-left John McCartney through injury early in the second-half Millwall were able to win comfortably. Millwall more than met their match in the Semi-Final when they were beaten 2-1 by Sunderland, the eventual winners of the trophy that season.



Even the brilliance of Manchester City's Peter Doherty couldn't stop Millwall.



SPURS BEATEN BY SAYER

PETER SAYER was a relatively unknown player when he was selected for Second Division Cardiff City in an F.A. Cup Third Round tie against Tottenham Hotspur at Ninian Park in January, 1977.

But, 90 minutes later, he had become a star after his goal had beaten the then First Division club from North London. After around eight minutes a long clearance from goalkeeper Ron Healey found Steve

Grapes who flicked the ball into the path of Peter Sayer.

The Welsh striker controlled the ball, took it on a few paces and from about 15 yards hammered in an unstoppable shot that left Pat Jennings helpless.

That was the only goal of the game and Peter Sayer was the hero of Wales as his effort enabled Cardiff to progress through to the Fourth Round.



KEITH EDWARDS
(Sheffield United)

A RECORD GOAL-RUN

THE SHEFFIELD United youngster established himself last season at Bramall Lane as a very promising striker when he scored 18 goals in 31 League appearances.

Edwards carved his name in the Sheffield United record books when, in a remarkable goalscoring burst of consistency, he scored 11 goals in eight games — to beat the previous record of a run of five consecutive matches set by Mick Jones in 1966.

His tremendous run began on March

19th, when he scored two goals against Nottingham Forest. This was followed with further scores against Hereford (two), Fulham (one), Notts County (one), Charlton Athletic (two), Oldham Athletic (one), Bolton Wanderers (one) and Blackpool (one).

And to cap a fine personal season, his tally of goals was rewarded when the Sheffield United Supporters voted Keith Edwards the club's Player of the Year for 1976-77.

IAN PORTERFIELD
(Sheff. Wed.)



BRAVE IAN FIGHTS BACK TO FITNESS

IAN PORTERFIELD will always be remembered as the player who won the 1973 F.A. Cup for Sunderland. His right-foot shot was the only goal of the game against Leeds United as The Rokerites pulled off one of the biggest shocks of recent times. Yet Porterfield was subsequently involved in a car accident, suffering severe head injuries.

It was feared he would never play again after seeing a specialist. Insurance arrangements were made, yet Porterfield never gave up hope.

He fought his way back to fitness and proved the doubters wrong. Now, Ian is under the guidance of Jack Charlton as Sheffield Wednesday bid to reach the top once again.

FIREWORKS PUT CAREER IN DANGER

IF ANY youngsters should ask Villa and England defender John Gidman for "A Penny for the Guy" ... they're not likely to get much change out of him — in any sense.

Far more likely a friendly lecture about the dangers of back-garden fireworks' displays!

For, on Guy Fawkes Day, 1974, Gidman was struck in the right eye by an exploding firework during a party at the home of Jimmy Cumbes, then Villa's goalkeeper.

Detained in Birmingham Eye Hospital for nearly three weeks — at first, with real fears the blindness might even be permanent — Gidman was out of the first team for five months, losing his place in Villa's League-Cup winning line-up in the process.

How does he feel about fireworks now? John says: "I'm no killjoy, but I'd ban them from private use if I had my way — I know what it means to be hurt, with the possibility of a whole career being cut short at 22."

"And don't let anyone kid you that you're quite safe if you stand well back. There was no stupid larking about in my case, and I was nearly 30 yards away when it happened."

"It was one of those fireworks that explodes after reaching a certain height, and it was a million-to-one chance it would hit me in the eye."

"But it DID — and that's a warning to anyone."

JOHN GIDMAN
(Aston Villa)



Other English Competitions

ROCHDALE'S FIGHTERS

In the early days of the Football League Cup, when interest was limited, a Fourth Division side reached the Final. This was in 1961-62 when Rochdale beat Second Division clubs Southampton (in a replay) and Charlton Athletic, as well as Fourth Division York City and Doncaster Rovers in the earlier rounds, and then First Division Blackburn Rovers in the Semi-Finals before meeting Norwich City in the Final. Norwich City were then in the Second Division and they put paid to gallant Rochdale's giant-killing act by beating them in the two-leg Final, 3-0 at Spotland and 1-0 at Carrow Road.

Among the stars of little Rochdale's Cup fighting team that season were their trio of former "B" internationals in the rearguard, Ted Burpin, Stan Milburn and Doug Winton, and leading scorer Ronnie Cairns.

DRAMATIC FIGHT-BACK

March 4th, 1967, was a red-letter day in the Football League Cup's history, for not only was this the date of the first Wembley Final in this competition but it was won by a Third Division side — Queens Park Rangers. The Rangers had beaten Colchester United, Aldershot, Swansea Town, Leicester City, Carlisle United and Birmingham City en route to Wembley, while at the same time they were going great guns at the head of the

Third Division, so it was obvious that First Division West Bromwich Albion would not have an easy passage in the Final.

However, it only because the game was being played at Wembley many believed that a Third Division side could not survive there. By half-time it seemed that they were to be proved correct for the Albion were leading 2-0, both goals having been scored by a former Q.P.R. player, Clive Clark.

But in the second-half the London club made one of the most dramatic fight-backs ever seen at Wembley. They had the Albion defence at sixes and sevens and goals by Roger Morgan and Rodney Marsh brought them level before Mark Lazarus hit the winner with six minutes to spare.

TWO-COAL ROGERS

There was another shock in the League Cup Final at Wembley on March 15th, 1969, when Third Division Swindon Town beat First Division Arsenal. Like Q.P.R. before them, Swindon Town were promoted from the Third Division that season, and they also helped produce a most dramatic Final.

Arsenal recovered from the shock of being a goal down after 34 minutes through an error by Ian Ure which gave Roger Smart an easy goal, and they were on top of the Wilshire side for most of the remaining 56 minutes. However, it was not until the 86th minute that Bobby Gould got an Arsenal equaliser to force the game into extra-time.

It seemed odds on that Arsenal would win in this period, but instead of hanging on Swindon came back with such skill and determination that they had The Gunners reeling with two goals by the magnificent Don Rogers.



Two happy fans join the Q.P.R. team as they celebrate winning the League Cup.

The Weather

WORST WINTER

The worst winter on record as far as football is concerned was that of 1962-63 when a severe spell of cold which lasted about six weeks caused the postponement or abandonment of over 400 League and Cup games in England, Scotland and Wales. Of the 32 Third Round F.A. Cup-ties due to be played on one day during that spell 29 were postponed, while on another Saturday the entire Scottish League programme was cancelled and only seven Football League games completed. The situation was actually worse in England on January 12th and again on February 2nd, when only four games were completed on either day.

55 GAMES OFF

Another disastrous date in football history occurred during World War Two — February 3rd, 1940. On that day only one of the 56 Regional League matches due to be played in England and Scotland was actually completed, and that was a game between Plymouth Argyle and Bristol City.

PROGRAMME EXTENDED

Season 1946-47 also included a spell of unusually severe weather, and on March 8th, 1947, only 18 of the 44 Football League games were played. West Ham travelled all the way to Newcastle only to find their game had been postponed. This season the soccer programme was extended to June 14th.

HOTTEST DAY

The hottest day on which a full League programme was carried out is believed to have been Saturday, September 1st, 1906. That day the temperature in some parts of the country reached 90 deg. Fahrenheit in the shade, and a number of players were overcome by heat exhaustion. In the Manchester City v. Arsenal game at Hyde Road, Manchester, six of the home side's players left the field at various stages of the match. The City resumed after the interval with only eight men and finished with only six of their side on the field. Arsenal won 4-1.



German prisoners of War clear the Charlton pitch in the terrible winter of 1947.

PLAYERS WALK-OFF

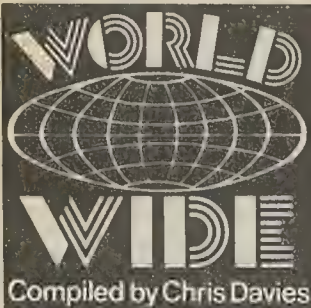
During a Second Division game at Grimsby on January 6th, 1912, six Leicester Fosse players left the field as a protest against the atrocious conditions. Rain and sleet swept the field, which was under water in several parts. The Fosse were 4-0 down when the exodus began ten minutes from the end but Grimsby did not add to their score.

NO GAMES

All the Scottish League games were postponed because of snow and ice on February 19th, 1966.

COLD COLLAPSE

Conditions were so bad during the Irish F.A. Cup First Round tie between Ards and Coleraine at Castlebragh Park on February 18th, 1967, that after five players had collapsed through the cold the referee led the teams off for a spell to thaw out in the dressing-room. When the ref attempted to resume after ten minutes, only the Ards team were prepared to return to the field, their opponents having thought that the game had been abandoned. The referee, therefore, had no option but to call it off, and the Irish F.A. subsequently ordered the match to be replayed. Coleraine then won 2-0.



HOW THEY SELL SOCCER IN THE STATES

THERE is more than one way to skin a cat and more than one way to sell soccer. This season has seen some ingenious ways to pull in the fans in America.

The San Jose Earthquakes advertised cut-price season tickets on one million loaves of bread.

An N.A.S.L. rule stipulates that any player signing with a club must agree to help with coaching clinics at local high schools, to try and hook the boys — and girls — on the sport.

Seattle Sounders offered a prize to whoever could guess how high a ball would bounce when dropped from the top of their Kingdome Stadium. After Sounders games, the players run into the stands and hand out flowers in appreciation of the fans turning out to watch.

Dallas Tornado sent six players to challenge high school teams at volleyball. The catch was the soccer players could not use their hands. They still won 23 of 25 games.

● When Franz Beckenbauer was in Rio de Janeiro to play in Cosmos club-mate Carlos Alfer to's benefit match against Flamengo, he took time off, like all visitors to Rio, to have a swim off Copacabana beach.

When he came out of the water he found his clothes had been stolen — including a wallet containing 300 US dollars.

1FC COLOGNE have now completed 50 games at their new home the Mungersdorfer Stadium. Almost 1½ million fans paid to see these games (average 30,000) and of the 152 goals Cologne have scored there, international centre-forward Dieter Müller has bagged 53.

DRAGAN DZAJIC, the famous Yugoslav who recently returned to Red Star after a spell in French football, was sent-off against Sarajevo. Dzajic was always known as Mister Fair Play before he went to France...

HOT TEMPERERS IN ARGENTINA

ARGENTINA'S Metropolitan Championship is really hotting up. Four teams are to be relegated this year, and most of the 23 clubs are battling furiously either for the title or to avoid the big drop.

And as the temperature rises, temperers are getting increasingly frayed. On the 33rd day of the programme, no fewer than eight players were sent-off in the 11 games played, including Willie Johnstone's "friend" from the Argentina-Scotland game, Pernia.

And four days later the vital relegation battle between Ferro Carril Oeste and Huracan was abandoned at half-time, when referee Alberto Ducatelli decided he "couldn't guarantee anyone's safety in the second-half".

TOP BRAZIL STARS OUT OF WORLD CUP

FRANCISCO Marinho (above) and Paulo Cesar (right), two of the best-paid Brazilian soccer players, are almost definitely out of manager Claudio Coutinho's plans for the next World Cup.

He didn't call them for the friendly against Milan, from Italy, on October 12th and apparently doesn't plan to call them when Brazil start their serious preparations, next year.

And Coutinho already has the names to replace Marinho and Paulo Cesar. Edinho, who plays as a centre-back for his club Fluminense, will be the new left full-back. He played against Milan and his performance was highly rated, not only by Coutinho, but also by the Press.

The irony of it is that in Fluminense the first choice full-back is ... Marinho. Edinho plays alongside him

as centre-back and Fluminense's manager doesn't have any intention of making them switch places.

For the left-wing it is almost certain now that Coutinho has settled for Dirceu, who was in the Brazilian squad for the 1974 World Cup, but only came into the team in the last games.

There is another irony in the situation: Dirceu, who at the time was an outside-left, has since then switched to midfield for his club, Vasco da Gama. And Paulo Cesar, whose ambition has always been to be a midfielder man, accepted playing as outside-left for his club, Botafogo, hoping to win the heart of Coutinho. But to no avail.

The downfall of Paulo Cesar and Marinho has as much to do with their life-style as with their style of playing. Coutinho thinks that the first reflects on the second and that they are only good for "exhibition" games, not competitive ones.

FOREIGN BOSSES IN GREECE

● No less than 14 First Division clubs in Greece currently have foreign managers, with Yugoslavs and Bulgarians the most popular. There are four each from these two countries plus one each from: Holland, N. Ireland, Poland, W. Germany, Italy and Russia.

Best known are Kazimierz Gorski, the man who led Poland to third place in the 1974 World Cup (Panathinaikos); Billy Bingham with PAOK Salonika and the former Russian left-half and captain with 50 caps Igor Netto who is in charge of the Athens club Panionios.

BAYERN MUNICH stars Jupp Keppelman and Sepp Weiss were banned for eight games by the German authorities for being sent-off. Their offence: body-checking opponents.

Keppelman will be very badly hit in the pocket. As a highly-paid star, he stands to lose around £12,500 in wages and bonus money over the period of his suspension.

SHUT-OUT RECORD IN SPAIN

BARCELONA 'KEEPER ARTOLA has broken Spain's shut-out record — by the skin of his teeth. Real Sociedad 'keeper Esnaola (now with Betis) set up a new record in 1970 when he remained unbeaten for 551 minutes at the beginning of the League campaign.

This season, Barcelona didn't concede a goal in their first six League games, which meant that Artola needed to hold out for 12 minutes of the game against Hercules in Alicante to break the record.

In fact, 29-year-old Artola was beaten by Hercules striker Verde after only ... 19 minutes, thus setting a new record of 559 minutes.

Artola was later beaten again by a Charles penalty and Barcelona went down 2-1, their first defeat of the season. Also on the losing side were defending Champions Atletico Madrid who lost 0-2 in Santander and dropped alarmingly to 16th place in the table, already seven points behind leaders Real Madrid.

Costly World Cup

● The 1978 World Cup will cost Argentina £230,000,000 — at least, that's the deficit predicted by General Antonio Merlo, who's President of the World Cup Committee. He estimates that the total cost of bringing Argentina's facilities up to World Cup standards will top £241,000,000, whereas direct income from the event will be a mere £11,000,000.

I feel that General Merlo's figures are on the pessimistic side, and his calculations don't include any estimates of what the huge influx of foreign visitors will spend in Argentina.

● The Brazilian National Championship got under way on October 12th, with a record number of 62 clubs, a total of 485 games, 74 more than last year.

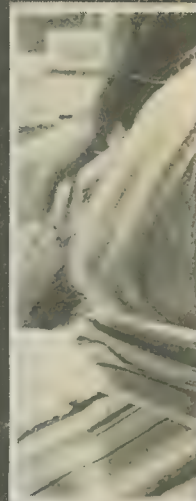
Doping tests will be made in the competition and not only the player found guilty (if anyone is of course) will be punished.

The club will lose any points and a percentage of the gate money.



● Action from the 1-1 draw between the Cosmos and the national team of the People's Republic of China. Cosmos goalie Shep Messing is backed up by Paul Hunter as Wang Chang Tai rushes in.

THE NEW CHALLENGE JOHAN CRUYFF LOOKS FORWARD TO...



Johan and his wife (above) were in danger of being involved in a shoot-out recently, but not on the football field. Their apartment was the scene of a hold-up by a Spanish gunman.

WITH Pele now into his well-deserved retirement, few fans will argue that Johan Cruyff, Dutch superstar, stands at the top of the soccer tree.

His silky skills have won him admirers throughout the world and, like Pele, he has proved he can win honours in two different countries... which few players achieve.

Yet the Barcelona captain, now 30, is adamant that at the end of this season he will retire. The big question right now is: when is the end of the season? Is the end when the Spanish League programme finishes... or is it on June 25th when the World Cup Final takes place?

Cruyff is convinced that he will not go to Argentina with Holland now they have qualified.

Dutch fans hoping for a change of heart will not be happy to hear their hero say: "I don't know why the supporters are making such a big thing about all this. Having played in one Final, I've decided that's enough. Surely my wishes should be respected?"

"When the current season ends, I shall definitely hang up my boots and get out of football."

"I shall work with Jack van Zanten, a former top figure at the Dutch F.A., in his estate agency."

"Jack is a fine fellow, very reliable and a careful businessman. His set-up will suit me perfectly."

"I shall obviously start at the bottom of the scale, so to speak, but I'm keen to learn and a new challenge has always excited me."

Which is why Pele's club, the Cosmos, are willing to pay Cruyff the sort of fee that makes a Pools win seem like a bus fare to join them in the States. Cruyff is "not interested" though.

"It is often said that professional footballers are stupid and I intend to prove this theory wrong."

Anyone who thinks Cruyff is stupid must be so himself. The Dutchman is arguably the shrewdest businessman in soccer and he hasn't become a millionaire without working for it — on and off the field.

Cruyff knows exactly what he wants and he'll get it. What he says may be true — on the other



Johan Cruyff in action for Holland against Sweden during the 1974 World Cup Finals in West Germany. Will he play in next year's Finals in Argentina?





hand it could be a "diplomatic" lie. When you don't have to work for a living, it's a great life and Cruyff enjoys it to its limits.

Having said he doesn't need money, Cruyff never refuses it and you won't find anyone who can truthfully claim to have put one over on the Dutchman. Fluent in Dutch, German, Spanish, Catalan and English — "and passable French" — he can speak for himself to almost anybody and woe betide the person who thinks Cruyff, as a footballer, has brains only in his boots.

Yet despite this cynical business brain — "I know nothing about money," he once told us (who are you kidding, Johan?) — his experience has taught him to conduct himself correctly at all times.

He continues: "Yes, perhaps I can be difficult — if you call not being what others want me to be 'difficult'."

"I like to think I'm an honest person who speaks from his heart. I hate being false, which is why I won't talk about politics, culture or religion."

"I have not had time to educate myself properly about such things, unfortunately. Therefore I speak only about subjects which I know, otherwise I keep my mouth shut."

Cruyff loves football, that can never be in doubt, yet takes great pains to (understandably) keep his job away from his family.

Around Barcelona Cruyff is worshipped. When we asked the Spanish taxi-driver to take us to Cruyff's house in the mountains 45 miles from the city, he drove straight to his own flat with great speed.

Why, we asked, are you going home? "Such a chance will never happen to me again," he replied, "and I must bring my wife with us."

We were one hour late reaching Aquafreda, where the Cruyffs live, because our driver's wife insisted on wearing her Sunday best. Her reward was simple and she held Cruyff's right hand for a couple of seconds... I-o-n-g seconds for her, no doubt. All the time she stared at Cruyff in almost disbelief, hypnotised by his presence. When Johan tried to withdraw his hand, the woman carried on shaking it, totally unaware of what was really happening!

Cruyff understood and

appreciated the woman's feelings.

Johan tells us: "For me, my family is everything. I have, maybe, one friend in Amsterdam, those who give the impression they know me interest me little."

"Danny, my wife, acts as a sort of radar, who shields me from certain people. We live rather alone up here, but this is how we like it."

Peace and quiet is something Johan couldn't find after his recent ankle operation. It seemed as if the fans were suffering even more than their idol and Cruyff must have set some sort of record for visitors.

"Of course, it is nice to know so many people care about you, but when you see a face pop round the door every two minutes it gets a bit tiresome. After a few days I had to get out of hospital for some peace and quiet!"

Cruyff quickly regained fitness and made his comeback in the U.E.F.A. Cup-tie against Steau Bucharest, scoring in Barcelona's 5-1 victory. Then, in his first League game of the season he notched the winner against Champions Atlético Madrid to keep his club at the top of the League.

He was recently the victim of a hold-up attempt at his Barcelona apartment. Apparently a man arrived at the apartment block at 9.30 p.m., stepped out of a Dutch car and told the porter he had an urgent message from Rinus Michels for the Dutch ace.

He then repeated the story to Johan's wife, Danny, over the internal phone — in Dutch. Once inside the flat, he produced a sawn-off .22 shotgun and proceeded to gag and bind Cruyff.

But while tying Johan head-down on a chair, he had to put down the shotgun on a settee, where Danny promptly grabbed it and set off to alert the neighbours. The attacker decided it was time for a rapid retreat, but he mistakenly ran into a garage where he was easily cornered by the police.

When they arrested the attacker they found that the "Dutchman" goes by the name of Carlos Gonzalez and that he's Spanish through and through!

The Cruyff family are now busy improving their security systems, and Johan's even thinking of hiring bodyguards.



Mexico in action against El Salvador.

It's Argentina ahead for goal-kings Mexico

MEXICO became the sixth team to qualify for the World Cup Finals by winning all their matches in the CONCACAF area play-off, finishing with the impressive goal-difference of 20-5.

Their attacking force of Isirdia, Rangel and Sanchez accounted for most of their goals... but behind Mexico's deserved victory is controversy involving, especially, the Canadian team.

Mexico were always expected to win the group, with home advantage, although their 100 per cent record raised a few eyebrows.

Haiti were thought to be in with a chance after qualifying in '74, while Canada — after drawing with and beating Mexico last year — could not be dismissed.

But like England in the 1970 Finals, Canada were cast as the bad guys and only those players who were under Sir Alf Ramsey seven years will, perhaps, fully understand what the Canadians were subjected to.

They were under armed guard 24 hours a day... they were harassed constantly... subjected to late-night phone-calls... suffered as a result of poor food... and on the field paid dearly for their "tough" reputation.

Canadian players aren't exactly hard-men, but the difference in interpretation over tackling that has long existed between Latin America and northern nations preceded them.

Canada coach Eckhard Krautzun summed up the feelings of many when he said: "We should not be in this group. There is a difference in culture, language, mentality and if you come to Mexico you have to face the fact they're against you — the spectators, referees, everybody."

It was thought the Mexico/Canada clash would be the "crunch" tie, but in fact the hosts had booked their passage to Argentina by taking eight points from their first four games.

Canada, amazingly, lost 2-1 to El Salvador in the opening match and then drew 1-1 with Haiti.

So how strong are Mexico? They

certainly won't be amongst the favourites in Argentina, but on the other hand their young side won't be "cannon fodder" for the big guns as, say, Haiti were in West Germany.

Their 20 goals in five ties was good going, even allowing for the advantages. As England know, it's not always that easy to score against the soccer minnows.

Playing in South America will suit the Mexicans. Although not in their natural environment, Argentina offers fewer problems to them than to the Europeans.

Mexico will be classed as one of the "weak" nations when the World Cup draw is made in mid-January, so they'll find themselves up against a strong side, such as West Germany, and a "sub-top" team like, perhaps, Poland.

It's unlikely they'll go through to the later stages, although they'll make it difficult for anyone who meets them.

Lack of experience against Europeans will be a big disadvantage, and this showed when West Germany beat them 4-2 on their own soil last June.

Here are the full results and details:

Mexico — Guatemala.....	2-1
Mexico — Surinam.....	8-1
Mexico — El Salvador.....	3-1
Mexico — Haiti.....	4-1
Mexico — Canada.....	3-1
Haiti — Guatemala.....	2-1
Haiti — El Salvador.....	1-0
Haiti — Canada.....	1-1
Haiti — Surinam.....	1-0
Canada — Guatemala.....	2-1
Canada — Surinam.....	2-1
Canada — El Salvador.....	1-2
El Salvador — Guatemala.....	2-2
El Salvador — Surinam.....	3-2
Guatemala — Surinam.....	3-2

FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Mexico.....	5	5	0	0	20	5	10
Haiti.....	5	3	1	1	6	6	7
El Salvador.....	5	2	1	2	8	9	5
Canada.....	5	2	1	2	7	8	5
Guatemala.....	5	1	1	3	8	10	3
Surinam.....	5	0	0	5	6	17	0

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THE ATTITUDES OF TWO MEN NEW TO MANAGEMENT

MANY moons ago when Peterborough were in the Midland League, someone presented them with a new strip and another person was heard to comment "Don't they look posh!" The club liked the implication and since then they have always attempted to play with a style and a swagger befitting their "Champagne Charlie" symbol of top hat, tails and walking cane.

When they were elected to the Fourth Division in 1960, they blitzed their way through the League scoring 134 goals, and the next season only failed by four points to get into the Second Division. Those hey-days encouraged too many great expectations and led to inducements to players beyond the basic pay of

and considered the situation. I knew the players' capabilities and felt that only a few were good enough to do well. It was evident to me that free transfers were not going to give me the improvement I wanted, and so I went out and set about selling.

"I sold David Gregory to Stoke for £55,000 and with that money I bought Alan Slough from Fulham and I tied up Ian Ross, who had been with Aston Villa and Liverpool. Barry Butlin from Nottingham Forest joined us and still there was a little bit left in the bank from the Gregory sale. From Bedford, for not too much money, I got Gary Sargent.

"To the Arsenal I sold Mark Heeley for £50,000 with a further £50,000 to be

'I BELIEVE IN AN IRON SYSTEM AND A FAIR GLOVE'

— JOHN BARNWELL, PETERBOROUGH

those days and final demotion back into the Fourth again.

Noel Cantwell led them back into the Third in 1974, but even his enthusiasm waned last season and, turning down lucrative offers to stay in the game, he has settled for the quieter life of running a 15th Century public house at Stamford, just ten miles north of Peterborough.

Noel has been replaced by yet another accomplished ex-First Division star, John Barnwell ... and once again the town is running a temperature. They have utter belief in the ex-Arsenal/Nottingham Forest / Sheffield United inside-forward who sold his dry-cleaning and launderette business in Nottingham to get back into the game he had missed so badly after being forced out through operations on a leg.

"I jumped at the chance to be coach under Noel," Barnwell told SHOOT. "I gave myself three years before aiming to take over a club. I wasn't worried about the playing side ... you either have the skill for it or you don't ... but the managing side is a different business altogether. When a football player packs up he knows very little about the running of a club except the little bits he picks up here and there.

"That I took over Peterborough is coincidental. I wasn't after this particular job, but when Noel resigned I was naturally ready to accept the chance."

The Directors were not offering an enviable position to Barnwell. With the accounts something like £100,000 in the red the best promise they could make was that, if he could obtain some useful free transfer players, then they would do their utmost to help with suitable wages. Such is life in a low Division.

But Barnwell had his own strong ideas of how he was going to succeed in his first managerial role. "I sat back



paid if he plays a lot of matches. Now I have got the money I need.

"In the first three games of the season we only took one point from the six. I was still trying to find a balance and a blend and I wasn't too concerned because I knew I had some excellent players here.

"I have inherited certain players and what I have to do is get the maximum out of them in a system which will help us to get results."

His general approach to the game should be written in bold letters for all pessimists of the game to read. "It is almost a major problem that humour has nearly gone out of football. There are too many people taking the attitude that it is so imperative to win.

"A football club should be a place where one is happy to come and work. If it is a place of misery and a force of labour then I want no part of it!

"Obtaining results is the basis of a manager's job but it mustn't become the over-riding factor ... because if it is, in the end he will get it wrong.

"My way to be successful at Peterborough is to try and have an iron system and a fair glove."

'I want a blend of skill and effort'

— FRANK SIBLEY, Q.P.R.

ASK the First Division's youngest manager Frank Sibley, 29, how he's found the first three months of his job, and he'll deliberate long and hard and then answer honestly:

"Very hard. A lot tougher than I imagined. I've had to put right an awful lot of things that had gone wrong at Queens Park Rangers, and it's been a very, very difficult time for me and the club."

Sibley, wavy-haired and youthful looking, accepts that being so young he could have found it a problem to command respect from players — some of them even older than himself.

"That's true, but the majority of the staff have responded to my appointment very well. Unfortunately the results have been poor, and that hasn't helped, but I believe I am now getting the effort I want from the players."

While accepting that Rangers have collapsed alarmingly from Championship runners-up in 1975-76 to a side haunted by the fear of relegation, Sibley refutes a suggestion that the rot has set in at Loftus Road.

"The trouble is that since we missed out on the title, the players who were so bitterly disappointed have been unable to motivate one another.

"I'm a great believer you can't have a team of very talented players without someone to provide the running, and vice-versa. I want a blend of skill and effort.

"At Arsenal in October, although we lost 1-0, I felt that it was the first time for 12 months we had had 100 per cent effort on the field.

"In some respects we were lucky not to be relegated last season. It was only towards the end that we picked up a few points.

"This time we went on a pre-season tour of Holland and Germany, and played some good football, getting some fine results.

"The trouble is we came home and tried to play the same sort of stuff on the opening day of the League season against Villa and found it doesn't pay in our First Division.

"Again we had been confident, and that's all right so long as you put in the effort to match it.

"In a lot of ways I think we have players who are more suited to the Continental style of play. Last season some of our best performances were in the U.E.F.A. Cup.

"We played brilliant stuff against them, but then found that the slow build-up of possession football is no good against your Middlesbroughs and Norwich City."

Sibley accepts that he is open to criticism for having sold experienced players like David Thomas and David



Webb without having adequate replacements ear-marked.

"People can always level that accusation, but when I took over I inherited a situation whereby we had to get players in and there were some players we had to get out.

"David Thomas had had a rather disappointing season for us last year and we wanted to try a different type of attacking formation.

"In Peter Eastoe, Stan Bowles and Don Givens I reckon I have three top class forwards, and at the time it was fair to assume that we would never get another £200,000 bid for Dave so we let him go.

"We have replaced him and David Webb with younger players in Martyn Busby and Brian Williams from Bury, and with David Needham coming from Notts County to replace Frank McLintock that has again reduced the average age of the side.

"I then transferred Don Masson to Derby and got Welsh winger Leighton James in exchange. I needed a player with Leighton's special skills to add width to the team."

Sibley feels that it will take time for the new players to settle and that things have been made more difficult by the team's lack of success and other factors such as the transfer requests from Gerry Francis and Don Givens.

"It's certainly not been easy, plus the fact we have been trying to evolve a new system. McLintock was basically a midfield player who started moves off for us from defence. David Needham is an entirely different type of player, better in the air than Frank and really a stopper. In many ways it's harder to work a new defender into your side than it is an attacker.

"Now I'm happier about the way the side is working, and while they're not playing to anything like their potential I feel we at least have a platform on which to build," he says.

'SELF-CONTROL ISN'T ALWAYS EASY'

DISCIPLINE has been in the news a lot in recent weeks . . . players, managers and fans have been urged to tighten-up on it.

To me discipline means self-control and sportsmanship, not doing outrageous things, and I must be honest and admit I've not been too happy with some of my actions this season.

For instance, I was booked in the last seconds of our game against Bristol City for kicking the ball away.

As soon as I did it I thought "you chump, you're going to be booked" — which I was.

So why did I do it? Quite simply it was a spur-of-the-moment happening. We were winning 1-0 and I'd been pulled up for a few tackles which I felt were not very hard.

**RAY
WILKINS**
writes for you

The ref blew his whistle again and in frustration — plus the fact I wanted to give our defence time to reshape — I kicked the ball away. Looking back I obviously regret it, but I can understand players boiling over in the heat of the moment.

Chelsea have found the going tough so far this season and, I feel, this has contributed to our overall attitude. If you're winning, you can shrug-off bad decisions or unlucky breaks, but when the chips are down, it's a different matter.

ABOVE
"A close confrontation
when we played Fulham."
BELOW
"Andy Gray is a deadly
finisher."
RIGHT
"I helped Ian Britton — and
was booked myself!"



As captain, I try to involve myself in the game a little more looking after my team-mates as well as myself. Mind you, this rebounded on me last season.

Against Plymouth, Ian Britton and Micky Horswill were in a tangle which developed into a minor scuffle.

I was nearby and raced over, pulling Micky away and saying "Don't be silly, break it up." Before I knew what was happening, I'd been set upon by the Plymouth players for having a go at their team-mate. And I was subsequently booked! The moral, obviously, is never to get involved.

Referees have a difficult job — certainly the hardest on the pitch. I don't envy them at all.

Mostly they are pretty good if you ask them a question, such as "Why did you give that decision, ref?" A few are too arrogant to answer, but you should be able to communicate, surely?

The old saying 'give a dog a bad name is true, though. Ron Harris has, I believe, been a victim of his own reputation on quite a few occasions.

Ron's not a dirty player by any means, but particularly in his early days often shadowed the opposition's star man.

I remember a game not so long ago when there were a few silly tackles flying around and then Ron was booked. Had any other player made the tackle he'd have got off I'm sure, but Ron was paying for all those headlines.

Dissent can never be condoned and Brian Clough has made the news by fining one or two of his players £50 for this offence.

At Chelsea we used to have a similar rule, only our fine was £25. We may still have the rule but as far as I can remember it hasn't had to be implemented lately.

I have more sympathy with a

player who is fouled badly and then retaliates. I'm not saying he's correct, just that I can understand his feelings.

Too often the guy who retaliates is booked while the original offender gets away with it.

I'm trying to curb myself all-round, be it dissent, retaliation or simply general sportsmanship. I have a good disciplinary record but I want it to be better.

I hope that once Chelsea settle down and the pressure is off us a little things will improve.

I don't think our football is dirty. Competitive yes, but not dirty. Naturally there's room for improvement, but generally speaking our soccer is not too tough.

I haven't found myself marked all that closely in Division One, probably because at this level the opposition has more top players that teams don't need to pin-point one danger-man. It's different in, say, the F.A. Cup when a smaller club will pick out one or two players for special marking.

Again, I must repeat that refs don't have an easy time with so much "professionalism" in the game.

Referees make honest decisions and can only give what they see. If they happen to be wrong, they shouldn't necessarily be taken to task because things happen in a split-second and inevitably nobody can be right all the time.

Instant

It's the same with players. If you lose your cool for an instant perhaps a bit of understanding is better than a card.

I've refereed a few schoolboys matches and it wasn't a piece of cake, I can assure you. I tended to let play flow where I could and being a player, I could see some of the tackles were more clumsy than evil so I waved play on. All the same, I doubt if you'll see yours truly in an all-black strip when my playing days are over!

This Saturday (November 19th), we have the steadily improving Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge. Good side, Villa, with a lot of fine players. Their front-three capture most of the publicity but they can't play without the ball and I'd praise the side's strength throughout.

They're doing well in Europe — I thought Andy Gray scored a superb goal in Poland the other week to clinch Villa's place in the U.E.F.A. Cup Third Round.

Andy is one of the best young players in Britain and I liken him to Ian Hutchinson who, before being forced into retirement, was the bravest of the brave.

Ian used to put his head where other players put their feet and Andy is the same.

Incidentally, Ian is still very much part of Chelsea doing some good work on the commercial side.

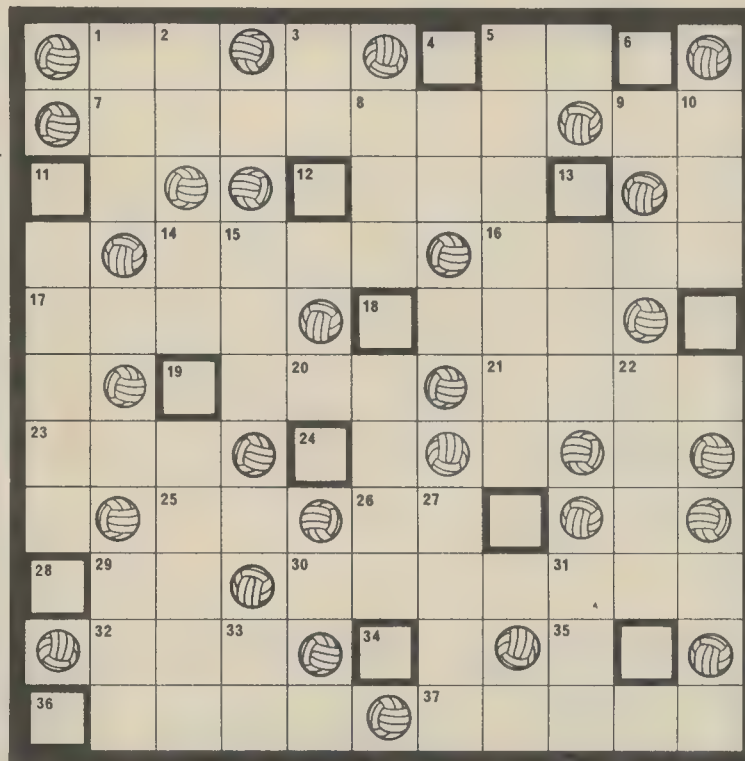
See you again in a fortnight,

Raymond



Go for the Double

After solving the clues in this specially compiled crossword, you can use the letters in the thick-edged squares to form the name of a Liverpool midfielder. Answers on page 46.



ACROSS:—

- (1) Les -tr-ng of Fulham.
- (4) Br-an -a-bo- (Ipswich). Slant from the missing letters.
- (7) Vehicle which the groundsman might, perhaps, pull behind a tractor.
- (9) An exclamation to complete -ld-am Athletic.
- (11) Dave -cCreer- of Manchester United.
- (12) — Road Ground of Oxford United.
- (14) ---hams Ground, of Clue 21.
- (16) Nearest following; as the — fixture on the list.
- (17) "Judge" from the missing letters in -unf-r-lin- (Scots Div. II).
- (18) Jimmy —, Liverpool midfielder or striker.
- (19) Paul B---- West Ham defender.
- (21) -ar--ngt-n. Much admired figure from the missing letters.
- (23) The tibia is a bone in it.
- (24) Heart — Midlothian, Scottish Division One.
- (25) --ton Park; ground of West Ham United.
- (26) East Fife are in Division — of the Scottish Football League.
- (28) An affirmative from the missing letters in Garry -tanl-- of Chelsea.
- (30) — North End from Deepdale.
- (32) Willie ---ng of Arsenal.
- (34) --uglas Park of Hamilton.

- (35) Joe C-r-igan of Manchester City.
- (36) A player might well feel thus before a very important match.
- (37) Requires — perhaps new players.

DOWN:—

- (1) Peter --ore- Fulham skipper.
- (2) Millmo--, Rotherham United's ground.
- (3) The referee must be able to — the match to the nearest second.
- (4) Number of teams in the Scottish Premier Division.
- (5) The —, Newport County's nickname.
- (6) --m Ritchie, Bristol City striker.
- (8) Bob —, Everton striker.
- (10) In which the team might stay overnight before an away game.
- (11) Paul —, Leeds United defender.
- (13) H---for- United. Tall grass from the omissions.
- (14) Mike —, Coventry City striker.
- (15) Bourn--o-th... The Cherries.
- (20) Brendan Bat--n of Camb. Utd.
- (22) — United, club relegated from English Division Two in 1975/76 season.
- (27) John -va-s-- (Fulham). Form of lighting from the missing letters.
- (29) Jo- Ro-l- of Manchester City.
- (31) Peter Eas--- Queens Park Rangers striker.
- (33) Frank Carrod-- of Aston Villa.

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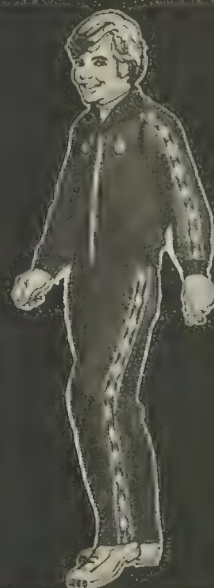
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MIDDLESBROUGH have a new manager in John Neal, and two new players. They are John Mahoney from Stoke City and Bill Ashcroft.

Manager Neal who had been boss of the Wrexham side that just missed out on promotion last season, went back to The Racecourse Ground for £130,000 striker Ashcroft.

Twenty goals from Ashcroft had almost won promotion for Wrexham last season.

As Ashcroft takes time to adjust to the First Division, it is the trusted pair of David Mills and David Armstrong who led the Boro strikers as October finished.

A Middlesbrough favourite who had decided to retire at the end of last season, but has now been re-signed is the versatile John Hickton who can play equally well in defence or attack.

Boro recently had a run of seven League points out of eight, but a 4-0 defeat by League leaders Nottingham Forest means that they stay in mid-table.



MIDDLESBROUGH



LEFT... Captain and centre-half Stuart Boam.
RIGHT... Recent signing from Wrexham, Bill Ashcroft.



HOW TO GET TO AYRESOME PARK

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Manager John Neal (above) began his Football League playing career in 1949 with Hull City. In 1956 he moved to Swindon Town, then on to Aston Villa with whom he won a Second Division Championship medal in 1959-60 and a Football League Cup winners' medal a season later.

John won fame as Wrexham's manager, taking the Welsh club to promotion from the Third Division in 1970 and twice Wrexham qualified to play in the European Cup-Winners' Cup. In 1973 and in 1976 when they reached the Quarter-Finals. John was appointed Middlesbrough manager in the close-season when Jackie Charlton resigned.

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ABOVE... Striker David Mills, a deadly finisher.
LEFT... Against Liverpool in the Quarter-Finals of last season's F.A. Cup.

THE MIDDLESBROUGH RECORD SINCE 1960-61

(C—League Champions; P—Promoted; R—Relegated; W—Winners; F—Finalists; S/F—Semi-Finalists; Q/F—Quarter-Finalists)

Season	League Division & Placing Reached	F.A. Cup Round Reached	League Cup Round Reached
1960-61	2-5th	3rd	1st
1961-62	2-12th	5th	3rd
1962-63	2-4th	4th	2nd
1963-64	2-10th	3rd	2nd
1964-65	2-17th	5th	2nd
1965-66	2-21st (R)	3rd	3rd
1966-67	3-2nd (P)	3rd	1st
1967-68	2-6th	4th	3rd
1968-69	2-4th	3rd	2nd
1969-70	2-4th	Q/F	2nd
1970-71	2-7th	4th	3rd
1971-72	2-9th	5th	2nd
1972-73	2-4th	3rd	3rd
1973-74	2-1st (P)	4th	3rd
1974-75	1-7th	Q/F	Q/F
1975-76	1-13th	3rd	S/F
1976-77	1-12th	Q/F	2nd

RECORD VICTORY:

9-0 v Brighton, Division Two, August 23rd, 1958.

HIGHEST AGGREGATE SCORE:

10-3 v Sheffield United, Division One, November 18th, 1933.

RECORD DEFEAT:

0-9 v Blackburn Rovers, Division Two,

November 6th, 1954.

MOST LEAGUE POINTS IN A SEASON: 65 in Division Two, 1973-74.

HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN A SEASON:

George Cammell 59 in Division Two, 1926-27 (record for that Division)



TOP LEAGUE SCORERS

1972-73 John Hickton	13
1973-74 Alan Foggon	19
1974-75 Alan Foggon	16
1975-76 David Mills	10
1976-77 David Mills	15

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MIDDLES

BACK ROW (left to right): John Craggs, Ian Bailey, David Mills, John Hickton, Graeme Hedley.

MIDDLE ROW: Jimmy Greenhalgh (coach), Peter Brine, Stuart Boam, Pat Cuff, Jim Platt, Alan Ramage, Bill Woof, Willie Maddren.

FRONT ROW: Terry Cooper, David Armstrong, John Neal (manager), Tony McAndrew, Graeme Souness.





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PEN-PICTURES

(L.App.— League Appearances; G.— Goals; S.— Substitutes. All records to end of the 1976-77 season)

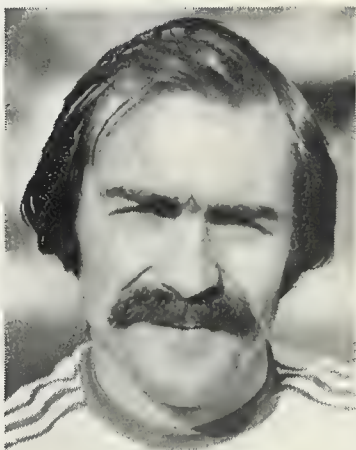
DAVID ARMSTRONG: Midfielder or striker with the fine record of not having missed a first team game for Boro in the past four seasons. An England Under-23 international. Born Durham. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 11.0. Signed professional in June, 1972. L.App.— 192 and 2 sub. G.— 25.

BILL ASHCROFT: Striker signed for £130,000 from Wrexham in September, 1977. Born Liverpool. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 12.9. L.App.— Wrexham 193 and 23 sub. G.— Wrexham 70.

IAN BAILEY: Defender signed professional in October, 1974. Played for Minnesota Kicks in America during the close season. Born Middlesbrough. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 10.8. L.App.— Carlisle (on loan) 7, Doncaster (on loan) 9, Middlesbrough 10 and 3 sub. G.— Carlisle 1.

STUART BOAM: Central-defender and skipper of the club. Signed from Mansfield in June, 1971. Likes to move up for corners and has scored some noted goals. Born Kirkby. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.5. L.App.— Mansfield 175, Middlesbrough 241. G.— Mansfield 2, Middlesbrough 11.

PETER BRINE: Midfielder or striker who broke through into the first team last season. Signed professional in July, 1968. Born London. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.3. L.App.— 56 and 21 sub. G.— 6.



TERRY COOPER: Defender who won almost every honour in the game with Leeds United before signing for Boro for £50,000 in March, 1975. Capped 20 times by England. Born Leeds. Ht. 5.8. Wt. 11.3. L.App.— Leeds 240 and 10 sub, Middlesbrough 89. G.— Leeds 7, Middlesbrough 1. **JOHN CRAGGS:** Defender and an all-round sportsman with golf and table tennis being his other sports. Cost £60,000 when signed from Newcastle in August, 1971. Born Flinthill. Ht. 5.9. Wt. 12.5. L.App.— Newcastle 50 and 2 sub, Middlesbrough 237. G.— Newcastle 1, Middlesbrough 9.



ABOVE . . . Graeme Souness, the stylish Boro midfielder.

LEFT . . . Former England left-back Terry Cooper.

GRAEME HEDLEY: Midfielder or striker noted for his accurate passing. Signed professional in March, 1975. Born Easingham. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 10.7. L.App.— 6. G.— 1.

JOHN HICKTON: Back-four or attack, it is all the same for the versatile John. A bargain buy at £20,000 when signed from Sheffield Wednesday in September, 1966. Hung up his boots at the end of last season, but manager Neal persuaded him to re-sign for this season. Born Birmingham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.10. L.App.— Sheff. Wed. 52 and 1 sub, Hull (on loan) 6, Middlesbrough 390 and 12 sub. G.— Sheff. Wed. 21, Hull 1, Middlesbrough 159.

WILLIE MADDREN: Defender signed professional in June, 1968. An England Under-23 international. Born Billingham. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 12.8. L.App.— 289 and 2 sub. G.— 19.

TONY MCANDREW: Exciting midfielder who likes to have a crack at goal. Signed professional August, 1973, and spent last summer playing for Vancouver Whitecaps in the North American League. Born Glasgow. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.4. L.App.— 52 and 1 sub. G.— 34.

JOHN MAHONEY: Costly midfield buy from Stoke City in August, 1977.

Started this season with 31 full Welsh caps. Born Cardiff. Ht. 5.7½. Wt. 11.1. L.App.— Crewe 16 and 2 sub, Stoke 270 and 12 sub. G.— Crewe 5, Stoke 25.

DAVID MILLS: Striker signed in face of fierce opposition from ten other League clubs in December, 1968. An England Under-23 international. Born Whitby. Ht. 5.10. Wt. 11.0. L.App.— 226 and 17 sub. G.— 59.

JIM PLATT: Goalkeeper signed from Ballymena United in May, 1970, for £7,000. One full cap for Northern Ireland. Once scored a hat-trick for Boro reserves when he went on as an outfield substitute. Born Ballymoney. Ht. 6.1. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— 222.

ALAN RAMAGE: Central-defender who signed professional in December, 1975, and Alan has also played cricket for Yorkshire. Born Guisborough. Ht. 6.2. Wt. 13.0. L.App.— 5 and 1 sub.

GRAEME SOUNESS: Midfielder signed from Tottenham in December, 1972, for £30,000. An Under-23 international for Scotland and has three full caps. Born Edinburgh. Ht. 5.11. Wt. 12.7. L.App.— Middlesbrough 165 and 2 sub. G.— 19.

ALAN WILLEY: Striker signed professional in September, 1974. Has played the last two summers for Minnesota Kicks in America. Born Houghton-le-Spring. Ht. 6.0. Wt. 11.2. L.App.— 27 and 22 sub. G.— 7.

BELOW . . . Northern Ireland goalkeeper Jim Platt.



LEAGUE FIXTURES

Date	Opponents	Ground	
1977			
Aug.			
20—Liverpool	H	1-1
24—Norwich C	A	1-1
27—Newcastle U	H	2-0
Sept.			
3—West Bromwich	A	1-2
10—Birmingham C	H	1-2
17—Coventry C	A	1-2
24—Ipswich T	H	1-1
Oct.			
1—Derby Co	A	1-4
3—West Ham	A	2-0
8—Manchester U	H	2-1
15—Chelsea	A	0-0
22—Leeds U	H	2-1
29—Nottingham F	A	0-4
Nov.			
5—QPR	H	1-1
12—Aston Villa	A	
19—Wolverhampton	H	
26—Bristol C	A	
Dec.			
3—Arsenal	H	
10—Everton	A	
17—Aston Villa	H	
26—Leicester C	A	
27—Manchester C	H	
31—Norwich C	H	
1978			
Jan.			
2—Liverpool	A	
14—Newcastle U	A	
21—West Bromwich	H	
Feb.			
4—Birmingham C	A	
11—Coventry C	H	
18—Ipswich Town	A	
25—Derby Co	H	
Mar.			
4—Manchester U	A	
11—Chelsea	H	
18—Leeds United	A	
21—Nottingham F	H	
25—Manchester C	A	
27—Leicester C	H	
Apr.			
1—QPR	A	
8—Bristol C	H	
15—Wolverhampton	A	
22—Everton	H	
25—West Ham	H	
29—Arsenal	A	

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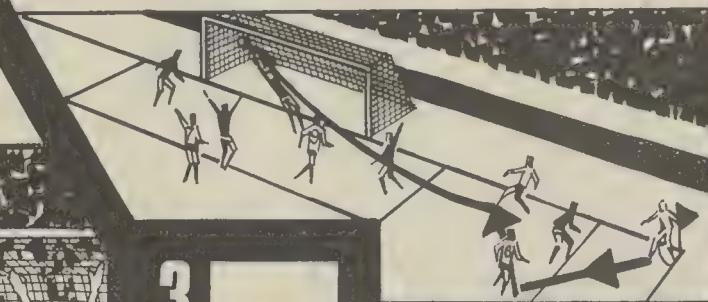
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An attacker thinks he has been fouled and shouts abusively at you. You blow your whistle just before his team-mate kicks the ball into the goal. After dismissing the first attacker do you (a) award a goal, (b) award a free-kick to the defending team or (c) drop the ball?



2

From a corner-kick the ball is passed to a team-mate. He immediately returns it to the corner-taker who has moved along the goal-line to receive the pass. He centres and the ball goes directly into the goal. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) a free-kick to the defending team?



3

When the ball has gone out of play for a throw-in you signal the end of the first-half. Your linesmen confirm that you have stopped play two minutes early. Do you (a) add two minutes to the second-half, (b) play a further two minutes by restarting with a throw-in or (c) continue for two minutes from a new kick-off?



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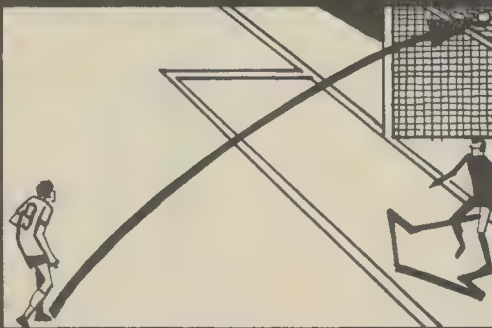
An attacker with only the goalkeeper to beat, chips the ball high over the 'keeper's head. He then runs ahead of the ball into an offside position. He scores. Do you (a) award a goal, (b) a goal-kick or (c) a free-kick for offside?



5



A: A defender, in his own penalty-area, commits two offences simultaneously, by obstructing one opponent (indirect free-kick) and pushing another (direct free-kick). You decide to award a penalty-kick.



B: After blowing your whistle you notice that the goal-keeper has moved forward from the goal-line. You do not stop the kick and the ball goes over the crossbar. You order another penalty-kick.



C: The penalty-taker refuses his captain's instruction to retake the kick, insisting another player is delegated. The captain asks you to caution the player for dissent. You oblige. (Where is the problem?)

ANSWERS:

1. Restart play with a free-kick (b). 2. The corner-taker must be offside when the ball is passed back to him because he is on the goal-line. Award a free-kick (c). 3. Play the remaining two minutes, starting with a throw-in (b). 4. Award a goal (a) because the attacker was the last player to touch the ball. 5. The problem is in C. It is not an offence for a player to refuse to take a penalty-kick if he does not wish to. Another player must be delegated in A the more serious offence is penalised because it was committed inside the defender's penalty-area. In B you are correct not to stop the penalty-kick and also to have it retaken if a goal is not scored.

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EVERTON	9,433,018	294	32,085
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NEWCASTLE	8,807,611	294	29,958
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DERBY C	8,693,038	294	29,568
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CHESTERFIELD	2,132,828	322	6,624
WREXHAM	2,095,642	322	6,508
MANSFIELD	2,022,292	322	6,280
SOUTHEND	2,016,494	322	6,262
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Liverpool's Kenny Dalglish (above) is robbed by Birmingham's Tony Towers during the League clash this season.

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So far he has not disappointed me, even though some of his team-mates don't seem to be doing all they can to help him.

In one game I saw Kevin waving his arms wanting the ball, but the HSV players were reluctant to give it to him.

Kevin has also had to put up with the "HSV Disease" — the Dr Peter Krohn/Rudi Gutendorf management. This pair celebrated the Bundesliga Championship before a ball had been kicked. They've gone now and things could be better for it.

All foreigners in the Bundesliga have problems at first, but I'm sure KK will go on to become an even bigger star.

If you print my letter, can I thank my mother-in-law in England for sending me SHOOT each week and perhaps you can also print my address. I'd like the opportunity of getting in contact with Kevin Keegan fans.

● HSV have slipped down the Bundesliga a little and their early departure from the Cup-Winners' Cup won't have helped matters. But it's good to see Kevin is succeeding and his talent recognised. Gerhard's address is: Haldenweg 19, 7401 Dusslingen, W. Germany.

Only three

DECIDED, out of interest the other week, to see how many teams in England and Scotland had scored at least one goal in every League match so far this season.

I was shocked that after two months of action just three clubs had achieved this — and two of those were from the Scottish Second Division.

They are Leeds United, Cowdenbeath and Falkirk. These sides are to be congratulated.

STUART WINDLE,
DERBY.

● Sadly, scoring in every game does not necessarily mean you're going to be successful. Just, perhaps, better to watch than most teams.

Clough omen?

AS I WRITE, Nottingham Forest are top of the League and it is now a distinct possibility that they'll win the Championship.

If this happens, it will be the first time a team has won promotion and become Champions the next season since 1961/62 when Sir Alf Ramsey's Ipswich shook the soccer world.

Sir Alf went on to become manager of England. Could this be an omen for Brian Clough?

HOWARD DAVIES,
EDGWARE.

● Cloughie wants the job... most fans want him to get the job... but do the men who matter: the chiefs at the F.A., despite his recent call-up for an interview?

Foreigners

AN ARTICLE in World Wide recently pointed out there were 99 internationals in West Germany up to the start of the season.

The figure for the Football League was 211 — 82 were English, 44 Scottish, 31 Welsh, 28 from Northern Ireland and 26 from the Republic.

Manchester United and Liverpool boasted the most internationals — 13 each. No wonder English club football is strong!

MARTIN COLLIER,
CAMBRIDGE.

● The Football League must have more "foreigners" in it than any other country's League!

Came true

IN AN article in SHOOT, 6th December, 1975, John Peddely (then Ipswich) said that his secret fear was sustaining a repeat of the fractured skull he had against Oxford United during a reserve game.

How sad that John's fear came true. The Plymouth Argyle star has been forced to quit soccer on doctor's orders because of the risk of further injury... so at 22 his career is finished.

HOWARD BARNARD,
IPSWICH.

● We wish John well for the future.

Pen-pals

HELLO. We're two Dutch girls and we'd like to write to West Ham fans in England.

MYRA & ELIZABETH,
U. KAMPENSTR, 72,
ARNHEM, HOLLAND.

AN essential attribute of a goalkeeper is the ability to study strikers, to analyse their styles, discover their strengths and weaknesses. Over the years I have compiled mental dossiers on First Division dangermen in particular and before every match do my homework.

I try to recall everything about the particular strikers I'm about to face.

This is where TV is so valuable. The small screen gives me the opportunity to watch opponents in action from different viewpoints other than from between the posts in the heat of a game.

Most front-runners hunt in pairs these days just to make life extra-difficult for the likes of me. At times I wish I had two pairs of eyes to keep track of them.

One is usually the goal-maker, but it's fatal just to concentrate on what his "partner-in-crime" is doing because he's perfectly capable of scoring if given a chance.

These soccer double-acts are a big attraction, and many fans pay just to see them doing their stuff.

One of the best partnerships I've had to deal with were the Arsenal pair of John Radford and Ray Kennedy who played such a major part in bringing the League Championship and F.A. Cup to Highbury in season 1970-71.

It's surprising, but neither of them scored against me in that Cup Final, when The Gunners beat us 2-1 at Wembley after extra-time. Their goalscorers were Eddie Kelly and Charlie George, but John and Ray put in their usual ration of hard work.

Ray is now with us at Anfield, although his role has switched to midfield where he has gained a marvellous new lease of life and is still among the goals.

Arsenal's present pair up-front are Malcolm MacDonald and Frank Stapleton, a blend of experience and youth.

Supernac came to Arsenal for the start of last season with the reputation of being a loner, an individualist who expected team-mates to fit in with his style of play.

Faced with the double-problem of trying to adjust to Arsenal's pattern and being close-marked by the opposition, he did not make an immediate impact. But the youngster he was paired with, Frank Stapleton, produced the ability to take advantage of the attention focused on Supernac and began to score goals himself.

This in turn took the pressure off Supernac, as Frank became a marksman to watch, with the result that he regained his scoring touch.

He revels in running on to balls

knocked over a square defence, bringing them under control and slamming in a shot with that sledgehammer of a left foot.

Whenever I see him homing-in on the Liverpool goal in such a fashion I come off my line fast and spread myself wide to present him with as little space as possible to shoot into.

Between the two of them, Supernac and Frank amassed 46 goals last season, a figure they will find hard to equal this time around, now that defences are becoming used to their methods.

Every pair have their own inimitable style.

At Ipswich we know that we're in for an aerial battle against Trevor Whymark and Paul Mariner, the lad who has made the transition from Second Division football at Plymouth to the top level in the First.

As both are skilful at jumping up high, a succession of balls are pumped across from the wings to

RAY CLEMENCE talking soccer



'Bob Latchford and Duncan McKenzie are starting to deliver the goods'

them throughout a match. Our defenders often complain about headaches afterwards, and once one suggested he should be allowed to wear a crash-helmet next time we played the Suffolk side.

At Leeds, Ray Hankin has struck up a productive understanding with Joe Jordan, one of the most fearless men I have had to deal with. Joe is more effective now he is partnered by another big fellow than when Allan Clarke worked alongside him.

'MOST FRONT-RUNNERS HUNT IN PAIRS'

When the ball is knocked into the penalty-box, the technique is for one to go for it and attempt to present the other with a chance to score.

Birmingham are striving, so far with small success, to forge a partnership between Trevor Francis and Keith Bertschin, the former Ipswich player. In time they could become a strike force to be feared.

Trevor is quick, has superb control, and can hit a deadly ball — as I know too well from the time he drove a mighty shot past me once in a League game at St. Andrews.

At Manchester United, Stuart Pearson and Jimmy Greenhoff tend to rely on service from their wingers. Neither is strong in the air, but they compensate with their ability to control the ball superbly when played to them below shoulder height.

They can shield the ball well, holding it until in a position to lay it back to a midfielder coming through.

On the "floor" they are very quick.

Another piece of ammunition in "Pancho" Pearson's armoury is his quick, fierce volley. In fact, I regard him as the best volleyer in English football.

Over at Manchester City, many combinations have been tried without a pair showing outstanding promise. Joe Royle and Brian Kidd did reasonably well, although I think Mike Channon will prove better suited to Brian's particular talents.

At Everton, Bob Latchford and Duncan McKenzie, after an indifferent spell together last season, are now beginning to deliver the goods

for manager Gordon Lee. Bob Latchford hit a marvellous four goals against Q.P.R. away.

Bob, very much an old-style centre-forward, tends to go for the headers, while Duncan mops up what I call the "bits and pieces".

Duncan, a true original, very unorthodox, is now working so much harder and is more effective because of it.

Nottingham Forest, managed by Brian Clough, have surprised most of us after winning promotion by staging a great start that has taken them to the top of the table.

Much of the credit goes to big Peter Withe, who has served many clubs before without really making a big mark, and Tony Woodcock. Peter, very tall at six foot three, and Tony, remind me of when our John Toshack and Kevin Keegan worked together, each knocking the ball down for the other in the box.

These then are the double-acts that readily spring to mind. However, there's one club, Aston Villa, who employ a treble-act; of Andy Gray, Brian Little and John Deehan.

Andy can climb to an incredible height for a lad two inches under six foot. His head is the target Brian

and John try to hit with the ball.

John and Brian complement each other by being strong with different feet — John with his right, Brian with his left.

All three are good finishers.

Andy has a total disregard for danger, going in where angels fear to tread. An example of this was in our evening League game last term with Villa at Villa Park when he threw himself forward in a diving header as I was coming out with fists punching, and slammed the ball into the net.

That act of courage brought Villa's first goal and inspired them into inflicting on us our worst defeat for many a season, by 5-1.

At Liverpool we began this campaign without two players working in close harmony up-front, as we did when Tosh and Kevin — "Batman and Robin" — operated for us last season.

Kenny Dalglish tends to play in the middle with one man, either Steve Heighway or Davey Fair-

clough, out wide.

Admittedly we get results, but without getting the number of goals we'd like.

Tosh came in following his sharp display for Wales against Scotland and we could revert to the old system.

This Saturday, Bristol City — who are still finding the going difficult in the First after being promoted in 1976 — come to Anfield for a League match.

It'll be nice meeting up with former team-mate Pete Cormack, who joined City last season after a long spell with us, and talking about old times and bringing each other up to date.

City lost 2-1 on their last visit. We plan not to be so charitable this time. No goals for them. More for us.

Join me next week —

Ray Clemence



'Malcolm Macdonald and Frank Stapleton — a blend of experience and youth'

RESULTS... SCORERS... TEAM LINE-UPS

SATURDAY, OCT. 8

SECOND DIVISION

(continued)

MANSFIELD (0) 1 (Aston)
SHEFF. UTD (0) 1 (Wood o.g.) 14,268
 Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, McEwan, Foster (C), Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodgson, Aston.
 Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Campbell, Edwards, Salmons, Hamson.

MILLWALL (0) 1 (Galvin o.g.)
HULL (1) 1 (Stewart) 6,504
 Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Hamilton, Kitchener, Hazell, Alexander, Seaman, Pearson, Smith, Chambers.
 Hull: Wealands; Nisbet, DeVries, Galvin (Lord), Dobson, Roberts, Haigh, Grimes, Warboys, Bannister, Stewart.

NOTTS CO (1) 1 (Bradd)
ORIENT (1) 1 (Kitchen) 7,482
 Notts Co: McManus; Richards, O'Brien, Smith (Hooks), Chapman, Stubbs, Carter, Vinter, Bradd, Birchenall, Mann.
 Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Bennett, Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedoie, Glover (Allen), Mayo, Kitchen, Grealish.

SOUTHAMPTON (3) 4 (Nicholl, Boyer, Williams Holmes)
SUNDERLAND (2) 2 (Rowell, Lee) 17,696
 Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Peach, Williams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Holmes, Osgood, Boyer, MacDougall.
 Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Kerr, Ashurst, Elliott, Roston, Arnott, Greenwood (Holden), Lee, Rowell.

STOKE (0) 0
C PALACE (1) 2 (Chatterton, Perrin) 17,749
 Stoke: Jones; Lumsdon, Lindsay, Kendall, Smith, Dodd, McGroarty (Johnson), Richardson, Gregory, Waddington, Crooks.
 Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Graham, Cannon, Wall, Chatterton, Hilaire, Perrin, Bourne, Swindlehurst.

TOTTENHAM (3) 5 (Duncan 2, Robinson, Taylor 2)
OLDHAM (0) 1 (Young) 24,636
 Tottenham: Daines; Lumsdon, Fretwell, Hodde, Osgood (Coates), Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Duncan, Robinson, Taylor.
 Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Holt, Bell, Edwards, Hurst, Valentine, Blair, Young, Chapman, Groves.

THIRD DIVISION

BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Fretwell)
PRESTON (0) 1 (Smith) 5,815
 Bradford: Downsbrough; Hardcastle, Spark (Podd), Smith, Middleton, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.
 Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.

BURY 0
PETERBOROUGH 0 5,064
 Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Stanton, McIlwraith (Entwistle), Rowland, Suddick, Robins.
 Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Cozens, Carmichael, Robson.

CAMBRIDGE (1) 2 (Fallon, Spriggs)
CARLISLE (0) 0 3,985
 Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan (Silvester), Finney, Biley.
 Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, Parker, MacDonald, Ludlam, McVitie, Bonnyman, Clarke, Rafferty, Martin.

CHESTER (0) 1 (Hall o.g.)
PLYMOUTH (0) 1 (Rogers) 3,367
 Chester: Lloyd; Raynor, Walker, Storton, Delgado, Oakes (Burns), Crossley, Mason, Kearney, Edwards (I), Jeffries.
 Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Delves, Foster, Craven, Bason (Johnson), Hall, Austin, Trusson, Rogers.

COLCHESTER 0
HEREFORD 0 4,586
 Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie,

Packer, Dowman, Garwood, Gough, Froggett, Bunkell, Allinson.
 Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Spiring, Crompton (Carter), Sinclair, Davey, Fear.

EXETER (0) 0
WREXHAM (0) 1 (McNeil) 4,722
 Exeter: Key; Templeman, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Roberts, Jennings.
 Wrexham: Davies; Evans, Dwyer, Davis, Roberts, Whittle, Shinton, Sutton, McNeil, Cartwright, Griffiths (Thomas).

GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price 2)
ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Phillips) 7,584
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Knight, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Womble, Gwyther, Crawford.

LINCOLN (1) 3 (Graham, Hubbard, Booth)
SWINDON (1) 1 (Guthrie) 4,852
 Lincoln: Grotler; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Crombie, Wigginton, Hubbard, Fleming, Graham, Smith, Harding.
 Swindon: Allen; McLaughlin, Trollope, Stroud, Aizlewood, Prophet, Gilligan, Kamara, Guthrie, McHale, Cunningham.

OXFORD (0) 1 (Taylor)
TRANMERE (0) 0 4,370
 Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, McGrogan (Berry), Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.
 Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow (James), Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

SHEFF. WED (1) 1 (Tynan)
CHESTERFIELD (0) 0 12,920
 Sheff. W: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Wylde, Leman, Tynan, Johnson, Bradshaw.
 Chesterfield: Ogrozoic; Tartt, Burton, Kowalski, Cottam, O'Neill, Fern, Cammack, Green (Dearde), Parker, Heppolette.

SHREWSBURY (2) 3 (Bates 3)
PORT VALE (0) 0 3,553
 Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Durban (Loughane), Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.
 Port Vale: Dance; McGifford, Griffiths, Ridley, Harris, Bentley, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Beech, Beamish, Hemmerman (Bailey).

WALSALL (0) 1 (Evans)
PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp) 4,764
 Walsall: Moseley; Taylor, Newton, Hynd, Serella, Evans, Robertson, Bates, Wood, Buckley, Birch (Shelton).
 Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Wilson, Piper, Foster, Denyer, Barnard, Kemp, Gilchrist, Stokes, Mellows.

FOURTH DIVISION

ALDERSHOT (1) 2 (Dungworth, Needham)
NEWPORT (0) 2 (Preece, Woods) 3,452
 Aldershot: Johnson; Wooler (Hooper), Butler, Dixon, Youlden, Jopling, Crosby, Brodie, Needham, Dungworth, Cotton.
 Newport: Plumley; Derrett, Bell, Emanuel, Walker (R), Jones, Preece, Woods, Goddard, Relish, Williams (Walker, S.).

DONCASTER (1) 2 (O'Callaghan, Laidlaw pen.)
BARNSELY (1) 1 (Owen o.g.) 7,971
 Doncaster: Peacock; Wignall, Reed, Laidlaw, Owen, Taylor, Miller (Jones, C), Robinson, O'Callaghan, Habbins, Bentley.
 Barnsley: Springett; Murphy, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock (Joicey), Price, Wigg, Little, Collier.

GRIMSBY 0
SCUNTHORPE 0 5,249
 Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Partridge, Liddell, Ford, Drinkell (Donovan), Cumming, Brolly.
 Scunthorpe: Crawford; Czuczman, Peacock, Kavanagh, Money, Oates, Pilling, Farrell, Lumby, Keeley, Heron.

HALIFAX 0
HUDDERSFIELD 0 4,956
 Halifax: Gennoe; Flavell, Bradley, Smith, Alcock, Dunleavy, Carroll, Johnston, Bullock, Lawson (Bell), Gregoire.
 Huddersfield: Taylor; Brown, Sandercock, Hart, Baines, Sidebottom, Armstrong, Gray, Eccles, Johnson, Butler (McCaffrey)



Liverpool's Ray Kennedy scored England's first goal in their 2-0 away victory v. Luxembourg.

HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
BOURNEMOUTH (1) 1 (Showers) 2,578
 Hartlepool: Edgar; Creamer, Wiggett, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Downing, Newton, Poskett, Bielby.
 Bournemouth: Baker; Benson, Butler, Philipson-Masters, Impey, Barton, Johnson, Shanahan, Showers, Lennard, Cave.

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0
READING (0) 2 (Bowman, Nelson) 3,861
 Northampton: Parton; Mead, Tucker, Robertson, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Best (Williams), Reilly, Martin, Christie.
 Reading: Death; Peters, Lewis, Bowman, Hetzke, Bennett, Earles, Nelson, Williams, Sanchez (Cumming), Davies.

TORQUAY (0) 2 (Lee, C 2)
BRENTFORD (1) 1 (McCulloch) 2,513
 Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Lee (C), Dunne, Brown, McVay.
 Brentford: Bond; Fraser, Allen, Lloyd, Kruse, Shrubbs, Carlton, Graham (J), Sweetzer, McCulloch, Phillips.

WATFORD (1) 2 (Downes, Mercer)
SWANSEA (1) 1 (Curtis) 10,252
 Watford: Rankin; How, Pritchett, Joslyn, Ellis, Garner, Downes, Mercer, Jenkins, Bolton, Mayes.
 Swansea: Barber, Evans, Bartley, Smith, May, Lally, Chappell, James, Curtis, Charles, Conway.

WIMBLEDON 0
CREWE 0 2,634
 Wimbledon: Telae; Tilley, Galvin, Bryant, Edwards, Bassett, Galliers, Davies, Summerill, Holmes, Leslie.
 Crewe: Crudgington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), (Spence), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.

SCOTTISH PREMIER

CLYDEBANK (1) 2 (Hay, McCormick)
MOTHERWELL (0) 1 (Marinello) 2,000
 Clydebank: Gallagher; Hall, Abel, Fallon, McCormick, Hay, Lumsden, McColl, Larnach, McCallan (McNaughton), Colgan.
 Motherwell: Rennie; Watson (Miller, P), Wark, Miller (J), McVie, Stevens, McLaren (Marinello), O'Neill, O'Rourke, Davidson, Purdie.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 0
RANGERS (0) 1 (Russell) 17,000
 Dundee U: McAlpine; Rolland, Kopel, Fleming, Hegarty, Narey, Sturrock, Wallace (Kirkwood), Bourke (Robinson), Addison, Payne.
 Rangers: Kennedy; Jardine, Miller, Forsyth, Jackson, McDonald, McLean, Russell, Johnstone, Smith, Cooper.

HIBS (0) 1 (Tait o.g.)
AYR (0) 2 (Cramond, Christie) 5,000
 Hibs: McDonald; Brownlie, Schaedler, Brazil, Stewart, McNamara, McLeod (Murray), Bremner, Higgins, Smith, Duncan.
 Ayr: Sproat; Rodman, Kelly, Filippi, Fleming, Tait, Cramond, McCall (McSherry), Masterton, McCulloch, Christie.

PARTICK (0) 1 (Somner)
CELTIC (0) 0 20,000
 Partick: Rough; Mackie, Whittaker, Marr (Love), Anderson, Campbell, Houston, Somner, Melrose (McQuade), Gibson, Craig.
 Celtic: Latchford; Kay, Lynch, Glavin, McDonald, Aitken, McLaughlin, McAdam, Craig (Edvaldsson), Burns, Wilson.

ST MIRREN (0) 0
ABERDEEN (2) 4 (Jarvie 3, Fleming) 14,000
 St Mirren: Hunter; Beckett (Abercrombie), Young, Fitzpatrick, Reid, Copland, Docherty, Stark, McGarvey, Richardson, Hyslop.
 Aberdeen: Clark; Kennedy, McLelland, Smith, Garner, Miller, Sullivan, Jarvie, Harper, Fleming, McMaster.

MONDAY, OCT. 10

THIRD DIVISION

PORT VALE (1) 2 (Bailey, Brownbill)
GILLINGHAM (1) 2 (Price, Crabbe) 3,418
 Port Vale: Dance; McGifford, Bentley, Ridley, Dulson, Brownbill, Sutcliffe, Lamb, Beech, Bramish, Bailey.
 Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Knight, Overton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

TUESDAY, OCT. 11

THIRD DIVISION

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Phillips)
PLYMOUTH (2) 2 (Hall pen., Binney) 6,286
 Rotherham: McAlister; Forrest, Breckin, Rhodes (Womble), Stancliffe, Green, Finney, Phillips, Gwyther, Goodfellow, Crawford.
 Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Craven, Hall, Delves, Austin, Binney, Rogers (Harrison).

FOURTH DIVISION

NORTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Christie 2, Reilly)
ROCHDALE (0) 1 (Owen) 2,965
 Northampton: Parton; Mead, Tucker, Robertson, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Best, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.
 Rochdale: Poole; Hallows, O'Loughlin, Scaife, Scott, Boslem, Owen, Seddon, Melle-dew, Esser, Tarbuck.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 12

WORLD CUP

LUXEMBOURG (0) 0
ENGLAND (1) 2 (Kennedy, Mariner) 12,000
 Luxembourg: Moes; Barthel, Fandel (Zangerle), Mond, Rohmann, Zuang, Michaux, Philipp, Dussier, Monacelli, Braun (di Domenico).
 England: Clemence; Cherry, Hughes, Watson (Beattie), Kennedy, Callaghan, McDermott (Whymark), Wilkins (R), Mariner, Francis (T), Hill.

NORTHERN IRELAND (0) 0 at Windsor park
HOLLAND (0) 1 (Willy Van der Kerkhof) 33,000
 Ireland: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Nicholl, Hunter, O'Neill, McCreery, McIlroy, McGrath, Best, Anderson.
 Holland: Jongbloed; Suurbier, Krol, Hovenkamp, Rijsbergen (Dusbaba), Willy Van der Kerkhof, Van Hanegem, Jansen, Cruyff (Van der Kuylen), Rep, Rene Van der Kerkhof.

REPUBLIC OF IRELAND 0
BULGARIA 0 at Landsdowne Road, Dublin 30,000
 Republic: Peyton; Mulligan, O'Leary, Lawrenson, Holmes, Daly, Brady, Giles, Stapleton, Givens, Heighway.
 Bulgaria: Staikov; Vassilev (Grantcharov), Angelov, Bonev, Ivkov, Arabov, Kolev, Kostov, Dvezizov, Panov, Zyetkov (Alexandrov).

WALES (0) 0
SCOTLAND (0) 2 (Masson pen, Dalglish) at Anfield 50,850

Wales: Davies; Thomas (R), Jones (J), Mahoney, Phillips, Jones (D), Sayer (Deacy), Flynn, Yorath, Toshack, Thomas (M).
Scotland: Rough, Jardine (Buchan), Donachie, Forsyth, McQueen, Masson, Macari, Hartford, Dalglish, Jordan, Johnston.

UNDER-21 INTERNATIONAL

ENGLAND (3) 8 (Woodcock 3, Deehan 2, Sims, Daniel pen., Cunningham)
FINLAND (1) 1 (Uimonen) at Hull 4,606
England: Bradshaw; Daniel, Statham, Reid, Sims, Fletcher (P), Cunningham, Woodcock, Deehan, Owen (Huddle), Barnes (Rix).
Finland: Isoaho; Iloa, Heikkinen, Houtsonen, Koskinen, Rosenberg, Lindholm, Pyykko, Soini, Uimonen (A), Rajaniemi.

THIRD DIVISION

EXETER (1) 2 (Jennings, Holman)
SHEFF. WED. (1) 1 (Jennings o.g.) 4,564
Exeter: Key; Roberts, Hore, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jennings.
Sheff. W.: Turner; Walden, Rushbury, Dowd, Cusack, Mullen, Leman, Johnson, Tynan, Wyld, Bradshaw (Gregson).

FOURTH DIVISION

TORQUAY (1) 2 (Raper, Brown)
SOUTHPORT (0) 2 (Gay, Hilton) 3,108
Torquay: Lee (T); Twitchin, Parsons, Vassallo, Green, Boulton, Tomlin, Lee (C) (Lawrence), Dunne, Brown, Raper.
Southport: Harrison; Kisby, Snookes, Higham, Brooks, Fisher, Hilton, Wilson, Ashworth, Jones, Gay.

FRIDAY, OCT. 14

THIRD DIVISION

COLCHESTER (1) 1 (Foley)
OXFORD (0) 1 (Foley) 4,893
Colchester: Walker; Cook, Williams, Leslie, Packer, Dowman, Foley, Gough, Froggatt, Dyer (Garwood), Allinson.
Oxford: Burton; Kingston, Fogg, Bodel, Clarke, Jeffrey, Berry, Taylor, Foley, Curran, Duncan.

FOURTH DIVISION

BARNLEY (1) 1 (Warnock)
GRIMSBY (1) 2 (Liddell, Cumming) 6,151
Barnley: Springett; Murphy, Chambers, Pugh, Saunders, McCarthy, Warnock, Price (Joicey), Wigg, Brown, Collier.
Grimsby: Wainman; Mawer, Moore, Waters, Barker, Hanvey, Brolly, Liddell, Drinkell, Partidge, Cumming.
CREWE (1) 3 (Tully, Bryant o.g., McGinley)
NORTHAMPTON (2) 2 (Best, Christie) 2,807
Crewe: Crudington; Collier, Cheetham, Rimmer, Bowles, Bevan, Davies (D), McGinley, Purdie, Coyne, Tully.
Northampton: Parton; Mead, Tucker (Was-sall), Robertson, Litt, Bryant, Farrington, Best, Reilly, McGowan, Christie.

SOUTHEND (1) 1 (Moody pen.)
HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Poskett) 5,432
Southend: Freeman; Moody, Banks, Laverick, Clark, Young, Morris, Goodwin, Parker, Polycarpou (Hadley), Foggan.
Hartlepool: Edgar; Malone, Downing, Gibb, Ayre, Simpkin, McMordie, Linacre, Newton, Poskett, Darling.

SATURDAY, OCT. 15

FIRST DIVISION

ARSENAL (0) 1 (Macdonald)
Q.P.R. (0) 0 36,172
Arsenal: Jennings; Rice, Nelson, Price, O'Leary, Young, Brady, Hudson, Macdonald, Stapleton, Rix.
Q.P.R.: Parkes; Clement, Gillard, Hollins, Needham, Shanks, Eastoe, Busby, Masson, Bowles, Givens.

ASTON VILLA (1) 3 (Gray, Cowans, Little)
NORWICH (0) 0 32,978
Villa: Rimmer; Gidman, Smith, Phillips, McNaught, Mortimer, Deehan (Cowans), Little, Gray, Cropley, Carrodus.
Norwich: Keelan; Bond, Sullivan, Ryan, Jones, Powell, Neighbour, Reeves, Gibbins, Evans, Peters.

CHELSEA 0
MIDDLESBROUGH 0 21,091
Chelsea: Bonetti; Harris, Wilkins (G), Britton, Droy, Wicks, Garner, Wilkins (R), Langley, Swain, Stanley (Walker).

Middlesbrough: Platt; Bailey, Cooper, Sou-ness, Boam, Ramage, Mahoney, Mills, Ashcroft, McAndrew, Armstrong.

DERBY (1) 1 (George)
W.B.A. (1) 1 (Regis) 28,397
Derby: Middleton; Langan, Nish, Daly, McFarland, Todd, Ryan, Powell, Hughes, George, James.
W.B.A.: Godden; Mulligan, Statham, Robert-son, Wile, Brown (T), Cantello, Cunningham, Regis, Robson, Johnston.

EVERTON (1) 1 (King)
BRISTOL C (0) 0 39,230
Everton: Wood; Jones, Pejic, Lyons, Higgins, Buckley (Darracott), King, Dobson, Latchford, Pearson, Telfer.
Bristol C: Shaw; Gillies, Sweeney, Mann, Collier, Hunter, Tainton, Ritchie, Mabbutt, Cor-mack, Whitehead (How).

IPSWICH (2) 5 (Mariner, Mills, Woods, Whymark 2, 1 pen.)
BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Francis 2) 21,250
Ipswich: Cooper; Burley, Tibbott, Talbot, Hunter, Osman, Mills, Gates, Mariner (Turner), Whymark, Woods.
Birmingham: Montgomery; Calderwood, Pendrey, Page, Howard, Want, Towers, Fran-cis, Bertschin, Hibbitt, Emmanuel.

LEEDS (1) 1 (Thomas)
LIVERPOOL (1) 2 (Case 2) 45,000
Leeds: Stewart; Stevenson, Gray (F), Lorimer, McQueen, Cheriy, Gray (E), Hankin, Thomas, Currie, Graham (Parkinson).
Liverpool: Clemence; Neal, Jones, Hansen, Kennedy, Hughes, Dalglish, Case, Heighway, McDermott (Toshack), Callaghan.

LEICESTER (1) 1 (Sammels pen.)
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Coop 2 pens.) 20,205
Leicester: Wallington; Whitworth, Rofe, Kember, Williams, Webb, Weller, Kelly (Sam-mels), Salmons, Alderson, Armstrong.
Coventry: Blyth; Oakey, McDonald, Yorath, Holton, Coop, Graydon, Wallace, Ferguson, Powell, Hutchison.

MAN. UTD (2) 3 (Coppell, Greenhoff J, Macari)
NEWCASTLE (0) 2 (Burns, Martin) 55,056
Man. U: Stepney; Nicholl, Albiston, McIlroy, Houston, Buchan, McGrath, Greenhoff (J), Coppell, Macari, Hill.
Newcastle: Hardwick; Kelly, Blackhall, Bird (McLean), McCaffery, Blackley, Barrowclough, Cannell, Burns, Martin, Craig (T).

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (1) 2 (Woodcock, Withe)
MAN. CITY (1) 1 (Kidd) 35,573
Nottm F: Shilton; Anderson, Barrett, McGovern, Lloyd, Burns, O'Neill (Gemmill), Bowyer, Withe, Woodcock, Robertson.
Man. C: Corrigan; Power, Donachie, Owen, Doyle, Booth, Barnes, Channon, Kidd, Hartford, Tueart (Clements).

WOLVES (1) 2 (Richards, Hibbitt)
WEST HAM (2) 2 (Pike, Robson) 19,360
Wolves: Bradshaw; Palmer, Daly, Patching, Brazier, Parkin, Hibbitt, Carr, Richards, Bell, Sunderland.
West Ham: Day; Lampard, Brush, Bonds, Taylor (T), Pike, Devonshire, Robson, Radford, Brooking, Hales.

SECOND DIVISION

BOLTON (0) 2 (Worthington 2)
MANSFIELD (0) 0 18,937
Bolton: McDonagh; Nicholson, Dunne, Greaves, Walsh, Allardyce, Morgan, What-more, Worthington, Reid (Waldron), Train.
Mansfield: Arnold; Bird, Phillips, McEwan, Foster (C), Wood, Sharkey, Moss, Syrett, Hodg-son, Aston.

BRISTOL R (3) 4 (Gould 3, Staniforth)
BLACKBURN (1) 1 (Brotherston) 6,431
Bristol R: Jones; Aitken, Taylor (T), Day, Taylor (S), Prince, Hendrie, Williams (Evans), Gould, Staniforth, Barry.
Blackburn: Butcher; Curtis, Bailey, Metcalfe, Keeley, Fazackerley, Brotherston, Hird, Mit-chell, Parkes, Taylor (Round).

CHARLTON (1) 4 (McAuley, Flanagan 3)
TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Taylor) 30,706
Charlton: Wood; Penfold (Gritt), Warman, Tydeman, Campbell, Berry, Powell, Abrahams, Flanagan, Peacock, McAuley.
Tottenham: Daines; Naylor, McAllister, Hod-die, Holmes, Perryman, Pratt, McNab, Moores, Robinson (Stead), Taylor.

C. PALACE (1) 1 (Perrin)
SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 (Boyer, Holmes) 22,652
Palace: Burns; Hinshelwood (P), Sansom, Chatterton, Cannon, Wall, Swindlehurst, Hilaire, Perrin, Bourne, Harkouk.
Southampton: Wells; Waldron, Peach, Wil-liams, Nicholl, Pickering, Ball, Holmes, Osgood (Hebbard), Boyer, MacDougall.

HULL (0) 2 (Bannister, Stewart)
BLACKPOOL (0) 0 6,800
Hull: Wealds; Nisbet, DeVries, Bremner, Dobson, Haigh, Galvin, Grimes, Sunley, Ban-nister, Stewart.
Blackpool: Ward; Milligan, Harrison, Ron-son, McEwan, Suddaby, Ainscow, Weston, Walsh, Hatton, Hart.

LUTON (1) 1 (Faulkner)
FULHAM (0) 0 12,736
Luton: Aleksic; Price, Buckley, West, Faulk-ner, Fletcher (P), Husband, Hill, Fletcher (R), Fuccillo, Boersma.
Fulham: Peyton; Evans, Strong, Howe, Lacy, Gale, Best, Mahoney, Mitchell, Evanson, Margerrison.

OLDHAM (0) 2 (Taylor 2)
NOTTS CO (0) 1 (Vinter) 8,717
Oldham: Ogden; Wood, Holt, Bernard, Edwards, Hurst, Blair, Halom, Taylor, Chap-man, Groves.
Notts Co: McManus; Richards (P), O'Brien, Smith (Scanlon), Chapman, Stubbs, Birchenall, Vinter, Bradd, Carter, Mann.

ORIENT (1) 2 (Kitchen 2)
CARDIFF (1) 1 (Grapes) 5,445
Orient: Jackson; Fisher, Roffey, Bennett (Allen), Hoadley, Roeder, Chiedoie, Glover, Mayo, Kitchen, Grealish.
Cardiff: Irwin; Dwyer, Attley, Pontin, Went, Penhard, Campbell, Buchanan, Robson, Grapes, Sayer.

SHEFF. UTD (0) 2 (Calvert, Campbell)
BURNLEY (0) 1 (Noble) 14,151
Sheff. U: Brown; Cutbush, Calvert, Speight, Colquhoun, Flynn, Woodward, Edwards, Campbell, Hamson, Hamilton.
Burnley: Stevenson; Newton, Brennan, Noble, Robinson, Thomson, Cochrane (Mor-ley), Ingham, Fletcher, Flynn, Smith.

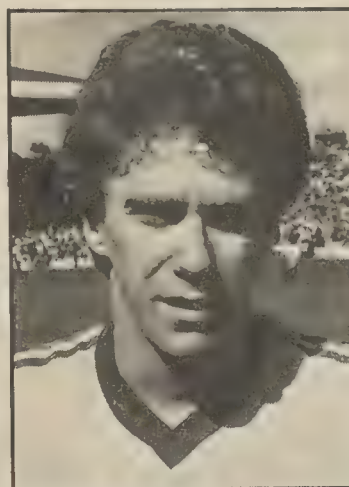
STOKE (0) 1 (Gregory)
BRIGHTON (0) 0 16,290
Stoke: Jones; Marsh (Bowers), Lindsay, Ken-dall, Smith, Dodd, Waddington, Richardson, Gregory, Goodwin, Crooks.
Brighton: Steele; Cattlin, Williams, Horton, Winstanley, Lawrenson, Potts (Ruggiero), Ward, Mellor, Piper, O'Sullivan.

SUNDERLAND (0) 2 (Arnott, Rowell)
MILLWALL (0) 0 22,181
Sunderland: Siddall; Henderson, Bolton, Arnott, Elliott, Ashurst, Kerr, Rostron, Green-wood, Lee, Rowell.
Millwall: Johns; Donaldson, Walker, Brisley (Seasman), Kitchener, Hazell, Hamilton, Alexander, Pearson, Murphy, Chambers.

THIRD DIVISION

CARLISLE (1) 1 (Rafferty)
BRADFORD C (0) 1 (Dolan pen.) 4,234
Carlisle: Ross; Carr, McCartney, Ludlam, Macdonald, Parker, McVitie, Lathan, Clarke, Rafferty, Hamilton.
Bradford C: Downsborough; Hardcastle, Spark, Smith, Middleton, Fretwell, Watson, Dolan, Cooke, Wright, Hutchins.

CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
WALSALL (0) 1 (Buckley) 4,856
Chesterfield: Ogrozoic; Tartt, Burton, Kow-alski, Cotam, O'Neill, Jones, Fern, Green (Hunter), Cammack, Dearden.
Walsall: Moseley; Macken, Newton, Evans, Hynd, Serella, Robertson, Bates, Dennehy, Buckley, Birch.



Tony Woodcock opened the scoring for Nottm. Forest at home to Manchester City.

HEREFORD 0
CAMBRIDGE 0 5,181
Hereford: Mellor; Emery, Ritchie, Layton, Marshall, Briley, Spiring, Crompton, Carter, Davey, Fear.
Cambridge: Webster; Batson, Murray, Stringer, Fallon, Howard, Watson, Spriggs, Morgan, Finney, Biley.

LINCOLN (1) 1 (Graham)
EXETER (1) 2 (Randell, Kellow) 4,804
Lincoln: Grotier; Neale, Leigh, Booth, Wig-ginton, Crombie, Hubbard, Fleming, Graham, Smith, Harding.
Exeter: Key; Hore, Roberts, Bowker, Saxton, Hatch, Hodge, Kellow, Randell, Holman, Jen-nings.

PETERBOROUGH (1) 2 (Robson 2)
SHREWSBURY (0) 1 (Durban) 5,563
Peterborough: Barron; Hindley, Lee, Doyle, Turner, Ross, Slough, Butlin, Cozens (Sargent), Carmichael, Robson.
Shrewsbury: Mulhearn; King, Leonard, Dur-ban (Loughnane), Griffin, Atkins, Irvine, Hornsby, Lindsay, Bates, Nixon.

PLYMOUTH (0) 0
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Moore) 6,156
Plymouth: Barron; Smart, Uzzell, Bason, Foster, Craven, Hall, Delve, Austin, Binney, Rogers.
Tranmere: Johnson; Mathias, Flood, Parry, Philpotts, Evans, Peplow, Palios, Moore, Tynan, Allen.

PORTSMOUTH (0) 1 (Kemp)
BURY (0) 1 (Rowland) 10,861
Portsmouth: Middleton; Roberts, Denyer, Piper, Foster, Wilson, Gilchrist, Kemp, Stokes, Barnard, Mellows.
Bury: Forrest; Keenan, Kennedy, Thomson, Tucker, Hatton, Curran (Stanton), McIlwraith, Rowland, Suddick, Robins.

PRESTON (1) 2 (Elwiss, Smith)
GILLINGHAM (0) 0 7,212
Preston: Tunks; Cameron, Wilson, Doyle, Baxter, Cross, Coleman, Haslegrave, Smith, Elwiss, Bruce.
Gillingham: Hillyard; Williams, Knight, Over-ton, Shipperley, Crabbe, Nicholl, Hunt, Price, Westwood, Richardson.

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WEST HAM striker Derek Hales is looking forward to going back to Derby this Saturday, November 19th — even though he knows some of the fans there labelled him a £280,000 flop.

Hales, who joined The Hammers for a cut-price £100,000 after the arrival of Tommy Docherty as manager, says: "In the main, fans were pretty good to me at the Baseball Ground.

"Some of them did have a go, but they paid their money at the gate like everyone else and they were entitled to criticise me.

"I got on well with the Derby lads, too, despite what some people might think. The trouble while I was there was that although the club had a lot of good players, a few of them were playing for themselves instead of for the team."

Hales, who had to wait a month for his first goal at Derby and managed only four in 17 League games last season, has settled much more quickly at West Ham.

He opened his account with a



No wonder Derek Hales looks happy, he has just scored his first goal for The Hammers v. Aston Villa.

I've ever played with up-front and it's great to have a bloke like him knocking down balls for you.

"He made both my goals at Ipswich. I think he's enjoying his game much more now.

"He'd been pretty fed up about not managing to score for West Ham, but I don't think he'll worry so much about goals while he's contributing so much towards the goals of others — especially me."

Hales, who scored 73 League goals for Charlton in 126 games, might have been a lot happier if he'd gone straight from there to West Ham last December.

But then he rejected an offer from The Hammers to join Derby — only to regret the move later.

"I'm really happy here. They're a friendly club all-round and the team play much more as a unit than Derby did while I was there.

"They've a lot of skilful players in the team and I didn't have any worries about their League position when I joined. I'm confident we'll start going up the table pretty quickly and I feel sure I'll do well here, too.

"So far, I seem to have done a little more each game. I started off quietly but I've got more involved."

Hales wouldn't be human, of course, if he didn't feel an extra incentive to score at the Baseball Ground on Saturday.

But he isn't expecting an easy match against his former club, despite his new confidence.

"Tommy Docherty is bound to have got them geared up again. It will be a tough game for us."

Back to the Baseball Ground for 'FLOP' Hales — will he be a hit with Hammers?

goal that saved a point for his club against Aston Villa and the following week scored both goals in a shock 2-0 win at Ipswich.

Those goals boosted his confidence, and helped prove to some of his critics that he can score in the First Division.

One of the secrets is that The Hammers, like Charlton, have realised that to get the best out of Hales, you have to play to his strengths in the box rather than expecting him to figure largely in the build-up of moves.

"I was looking for the early service at West Ham and I've been getting it from people like Trevor Brooking and 'Pop' Robson. They push the ball through quickly to give you the best chance to use any space up-front."

But the man who has really impressed Hales is centre-forward John Radford, whose ability hasn't always been appreciated by the Upton Park fans since his move from Arsenal.

"Radders has been an enormous help to me. He's the first big fellow



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TWO PLAYERS POISED FOR U.E.F.A. CUP ACTION

ALLAN HUNTER on Ipswich v Barcelona



'Our attitude has hardened'

IPSWICH'S Allan Hunter describes Johan Cruyff as "The greatest thing I've ever seen on a football field."

So you can imagine Hunter's reaction when his club were drawn against Cruyff's Barcelona.

Hunter has faced the Dutchman twice recently in World Cup matches for Northern Ireland and believes extra-close marking is the only way to quell his talent.

"It's not just his unbelievable skill but the speed with which he uses it. He does things sometimes that make you stand back and wonder how he managed it."

"I don't know what plans our manager Bobby Robson will make for him, but I should think he would want to use a close marker. I shouldn't think I'll get the job."

The form suggests a tough tie for Ipswich. Las Palmas, the club they beat 4-3 on aggregate in the last round, were thrashed 5-0 by Barcelona in a recent Spanish League game.

Even so, Hunter is encouraged by the form of his side, especially the way they played in earning a 3-3 draw in Las Palmas.

"I would say that was one of our best performances ever, not only in Europe but in any competition."

"It was marvellous for our morale because we'd lost 2-0 at home to West Ham the previous

Saturday in one of our worst performances. We were terrible."

"That's when it is good to have a midweek game. It gives you the chance to get the bad form out of your system as quickly as possible."

"The Las Palmas game allowed some of the lads to recover their lost form, too. Paul Mariner had been going through a sticky spell but he scored twice over there and the winner the following Saturday against Manchester City. Those goals did him the world of good."

Ipswich's form in Europe this year is particularly pleasing because they were knocked out in the Second Round last season and at the first hurdle the term before.

Says Hunter: "We've learned about these sort of competitions in the last few years and I'd like to think our attitude has hardened."

"We did reach the U.E.F.A. Quarter-Finals in 1973-74 so we've proved we can compete at this level."

Hunter believes the pressure is off Ipswich this campaign after the great expectations everyone has had of them in recent seasons and that is helping the side, too.

"People have talked about us winning something big for a few seasons now and I think some of the players started believing we were already there."

"Now they don't seem to fancy us so much, maybe it will be the season we do it."

"But looking at the three European competitions and the teams that are left, I reckon this is the hardest of the lot. So we know what sort of task is in front of us."

As in the last round, Ipswich play the first-leg at Portman Road, but Hunter can't make up his mind whether he likes that or not.

"I think I prefer to have the first-leg away but it worked well for us last time, even though we thought we might have missed the boat after only winning 1-0 at home."

"I suppose if you win three or four nil at home, you're delighted the draw turned out that way. So I'll tell you what I think about playing at our place first after the game."

LEIGHTON PHILLIPS on Aston Villa v Athletic Bilbao



'Nothing to beat experience'

ASTON VILLA skipper Leighton Phillips is delighted with his club's draw against Athletic Bilbao.

Says Phillips: "I think it's a fantastic draw for us. We played out there in a pre-season tournament and although we lost 2-0, I'd fancy us against them in a two-legged affair."

"I don't want to make excuses, but we didn't have our strongest team out because Andy Gray and John Gidman were both injured."

"I remember they had a useful player on the left of the midfield — a blond fellow whose name escapes me now."

"But it is always nice to play against a side you know something about. I'm very confident of us going through to the Quarter-Finals."

Phillips, of course, is one of the most experienced European players around. He played in Europe every season with Cardiff and last term was his first without involvement in one of the club competitions.

He's also learned a lot about opposition from the Continent by playing in the Wales side.

One European sortie he'd rather forget, though, is Villa's U.E.F.A. Cup campaign two seasons ago. They were walloped 4-1 by Royal Antwerp in the First Round first-

leg and then lost the return at Villa Park 1-0.

"When we played Antwerp, I think I was the only player with any experience of Europe."

"Now there are quite a few in our team who've played in Europe. As with everything else in life, there's nothing to beat experience."

Bilbao were runners-up in this tournament last season, and were only denied the Cup on the away goals rule.

They beat Italian side Juventus 2-1 in the second-leg of the Final, but they'd lost the first 1-0 in Turin.

But Villa aren't letting that worry them, especially as they've produced some of their best performances in Europe this season.

They hammered Fenerbahce 4-0 at home and 2-0 away and then managed a 1-1 draw in Gornik after winning 3-0 at home.

"You have to adjust your style for Europe because they play completely differently. The Polish side, funnily enough, played similar to the British way but Fenerbahce played it more slowly."

"As I've said, I reckon we've an excellent chance against Bilbao — but it depends on what sort of side we field."

"We've such a small first team squad that a few injuries can really weaken us. I hope we have our strongest team on show for both matches."

Being at home in the first-leg should suit us I suppose, as we've done very well playing at Villa Park first in the other two rounds.

"We've been looking much better since our new lads Ken McNaught and Jimmy Rimmer settled in. The public seem to expect new signings to fit in straight away but it always takes time for a player to adjust to a new team."

Phillips is hoping Villa can wipe out the memory of that disaster of two years ago by going all the way in the competition this time.

But he's not allowing himself to be wildly optimistic. "At this level, you really can't look farther than the next game."



Eric Gates (centre) scores Ipswich's winning goal at Portman Road against Las Palmas. The Suffolk club drew 3-3 away to progress 4-3 on aggregate.



Ken McNaught heads Villa's second goal v Gornik in the previous round. A 1-1 draw in Poland was enough for the talented Villa Park outfit to go through.

FROM ENGLAND CAPTAIN TO...

SURELY the greatest honour any England player can achieve is to be appointed captain of his country — leader of a team of all stars. What are the qualifications expected of an England captain?

They are many and not the least is his all-round ability as a footballer. Yet even more important is his personal character and integrity. He must hold the respect and support of all his team-mates. He must be able to lead and inspire his men with his personal example of dedication, determination and one hundred per cent plus enthusiasm and loyalty.

In short, he must be leader of the team in every aspect of the game, with the courage and assurity to take command in every situation, on the field or off it.

With such qualifications, plus, of course, a wealth of experience, it is obvious that a man capable of leading England should have an assured future in big-time soccer

at the end of his successful playing days.

Well, does it? In most cases the answer is yes, for many former England skippers have become successful managers.

During the late '30s and mid '40s, following the War years, England were led by three men whose names will always be remembered with respect and admiration — Stan Cullis, George Hardwick and Joe Mercer. Stan Cullis, dominating centre-half and captain of the Wolves, became the club's manager in 1948 and in his first season as boss inspired them to victory in the Cup Final.

It was the start of a long and proud "second career" for the man who had grown up from boyhood with the Wolves. George Hardwick, "Gentleman George" as he was known, made his name as a brilliant full-back with Middlesbrough, played 13 times for England (only once in a losing team), and later became a respected manager with his old club and Oldham Athletic, before taking up a business appointment.

Joe Mercer, one of Hardwick's wartime international colleagues, needs no introduction. Formerly with Everton he skippered Arsenal to League Championship and F.A. Cup triumphs before his career came to a tragic end with a broken leg. For a time Joe was lost to the game, but eventually returned as manager with several clubs, including Coventry City, with whom he is now a director.

In 1974 when Sir Alf Ramsey was deposed as England's manager, Joe Mercer, one of the best-loved men in the game, was appointed



ABOVE ... Alf Ramsey before England/Yugoslavia in 1950. The game was played at Highbury.

BELOW ... Joe Mercer, the stylish Arsenal captain.

RIGHT ... Joe Mercer, Coventry director, with manager Gordon Milne.



LEFT ... Billy Wright, England captain during the Fifties.

BELOW ... Billy Wright, 20 years later. He still enjoys a game in between his TV work.



to lead the side as caretaker.

Three great England captains, all successful managers ...

In 1949 the England captaincy was handed to Billy Wright, who had followed Stan Cullis as Wolves' skipper. The fair-haired, quiet young half-back became an almost permanent fixture as England's leader.

He made his last appearance in the white shirt ten years later after setting up a record of 105 internationals. He was also the first man to captain England in the World Cup in 1950.

When he retired as a player it seemed that Billy Wright had the whole soccer world open to him, but although he had four years as Arsenal's manager during the mid-60's, he failed to make his mark.

Since then, however, the first England "centurion" has maintained his connection with the game as sports' director in commercial television.

During Billy Wright's reign as England's captain he missed few internationals, but those occasions gave opportunities to Spurs' full-back Alf Ramsey to take over as leader. It was the stepping stone to greatness, first as architect of Ipswich Town's rise to prominence and then as manager of England's World Cup winners in 1966.





Today Sir Alf is a consultant of Birmingham City and in charge of all first team affairs.

Now we come to two England captains who did NOT accept opportunities to rise to even higher heights in the game. First was Ronnie Clayton, a really classical wing-half, who spent all his playing days with Blackburn.

He retired after 580 League appearances with the Rovers and the game lost a man whose wealth of experience might have proved invaluable in football administration. After Ronnie Clayton came Johnny Haynes, of Fulham.

He was honoured with England's captaincy in the 1962 World Cup Finals in Chile. Johnny retired in 1970 after playing in 598 League games with Fulham.

For a short spell he took over the manager's role at Craven Cottage, but soon became disillusioned and resigned. Since then he has played no part in English football.

But that was not the experience of Jimmy Armfield, who assumed the England captaincy in 1962. After 18 years with Blackpool and 43 caps between 1959 and the 1966 World Cup Finals, he hung up

his boots in 1971 to become manager of Bolton Wanderers. Three years later he was appointed successor to Don Revie with Leeds.

When Alf Ramsey took over as manager of the England side in 1963 he began to build his 1966 World Cup side. A year later he decided on the man he considered most qualified to lead that side.

It was, of course, Bobby Moore, captain of West Ham and formerly skipper of England's Youth and Under-23 teams. The tall, fair-haired Londoner was England's youngest captain at the age of 22. He led the side 90 times before his 108th, and final appearance.

During the few games he missed, five other men captained the side — Bobby Charlton, Alan Mullery, Martin Peters, Ron Flowers and Colin Bell.

Charlton had a spell as manager of Preston before accepting a lucrative business appointment outside the game, but Mullery is making a great success as manager of Brighton after his honoured career with Spurs and Fulham.

After a short spell as boss of Northampton, Ron Flowers is now out of the professional game. Martin Peters is, of course, still starring



ABOVE ... Sir Alf Ramsey's England take a break during training.

LEFT ... England skipper Jimmy Armfield before the game against East Germany in 1963.

BELOW ... Jimmy Armfield, manager of Leeds with Tony Currie.



in the First Division with Norwich City and Manchester City's Colin Bell is battling back after injury.

What of Bobby Moore, surely England's greatest captain of all time, whose O.B.E. following his leadership of the 1966 World Cup winners was so well deserved. Since he retired as a player with Fulham last May Bobby has waited and waited for the call to pass on his wealth of skill and expertise as manager or even coach, but no call has come.



ABOVE ... Wearing a somewhat unusual tracksuit (!) Ronnie Clayton exchanges pennants with Bergmark, the Sweden captain, at Wembley in 1959.

LEFT ... Johnny Haynes leads the England team into action.

RIGHT ... The only England captain to lift the World Cup — Bobby Moore.



LUCK IS a strange thing. There can be lucky breaks and unlucky ones. I have had two of each, and I am only 20, so I know what I am talking about.

Lucky Break No. 1 was when Albion manager at the time, Alan Ashman, signed me on schoolboy forms at 15 — straight from school in Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

Lucky Break No. 2 came my way when Don Howe, who had taken over as manager, signed me on apprentice forms. At least I must have made some impression.

My debut was when I was 17. We were away to York City, and we won 3-1. That season my first team outings added up to three — all in midfield.

Johnny Giles arrived as player-manager and sometimes he would play me in midfield, but mostly at full-back. Quite frankly, I'm not too keen on playing in defence — although I would play anywhere for Albion... or any other team.

The club pays your wages, so they are entitled to give the orders. That's how I look at it, anyway. My favourite positions are midfield or sweeper.

I was sweeper in the England team that won the Youth Tournament in Switzerland. And I sincerely believe that the best game I have played was when we beat Spain 1-0 in a Youth Cup qualifier — as sweeper.

If you asked me what was my best game for Albion, the answer is simple. When I scored a hat-trick at home against Ipswich last season. Laurie Cunningham added

another to make it 4-0.

That match is in my memory book. No chance of my forgetting that one in a hurry.

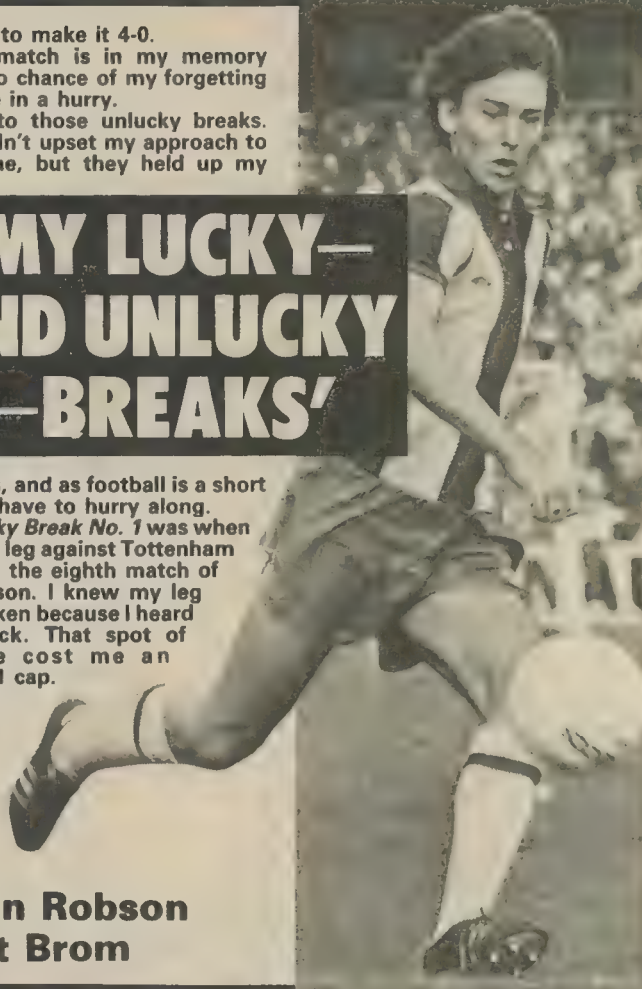
Now to those unlucky breaks. They didn't upset my approach to the game, but they held up my

'MY LUCKY— AND UNLUCKY —BREAKS'

progress, and as football is a short life you have to hurry along.

Unlucky Break No. 1 was when I broke a leg against Tottenham in about the eighth match of last season. I knew my leg was broken because I heard the crack. That spot of damage cost me an Under-21 cap.

By
Bryan Robson
West Brom



Unlucky Break No. 2 was when we were playing Manchester City with about six matches left. Another broken leg. It was the other leg, but don't ask me which one went first. I don't remember — and I don't wish to do so.

What a player must do is put previous injuries out of his mind. If he fails to do that, he can be in all sorts of mental difficulties.

I never think about those leg breaks. And I can go into a tackle as hard as other players. I don't mind if they tackle me hard as long as the tackle is fair.

Football is a man's game. And even if I am only 20, I look at it that way. I don't expect any favours from opponents and they cannot expect any from me. The important point is to keep it clean; keep it fair.

What now? Well, I am hoping that I will add my weight to Albion's bid to get up there among the top clubs. There is loads of talent at The Hawthorns. And they are all triers.

Do you know that we had only eleven fit players for our fourth League match of the season. Yet, we beat Middlesbrough 2-1. With only ten and a half fit men.

Willie Johnston had a stomach upset and had to leave the field twice. You can guess where he went... in quick time.

For myself, I would love to help Albion to win some honours and to get into the Under-21 team. That's up to the selectors.

It will not be Robson's choice. I would be too biased.



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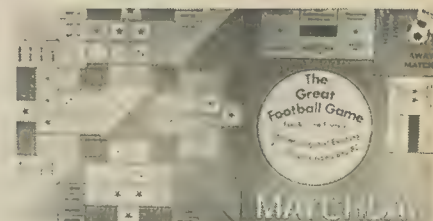
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'WHEN LIFE GETS BORING...'

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Talk
DANNY McGRAIN

THERE's a whole new world to be discovered when you are off your work! Daytime television programmes, getting under the wife's feet ... and general boredom.

That's the life I've been leading since I injured my ankle — four weeks ago now as I write — in the game against Hibs.

The funny thing was that I never felt a thing until the Monday after the match when it started to ache a bit. Come Tuesday I could hardly walk.

And it all ended with me in plaster after a series of visits to a specialist. I hope as you read this that I am back in action, but the way things have been going for Celtic this season I wouldn't be too sure!

Still, maybe November, that month of fireworks, will mean a dazzling new start for us. Certainly things got off with a bang at the beginning of the month.

Motherwell on the 5th, St. Mirren on the 9th in the first-leg of our League Cup Quarter-Final, Rangers on the 12th then Saints again (Wednesday Nov 16th) in the second-leg of that Cup-tie and Aberdeen this Saturday (Nov 19th).

That's a tough programme in anyone's books and not one of these matches will be harder to win than the clash this weekend with former Celtic skipper Billy McNeill's Aberdeen at Celtic Park.

Problems

It's the big character test for The Dons now. After a sizzling start to the League programme they fell away a bit and now is the time for big Billy to prove if he has got what it takes to be a top-line manager.

He has got to come right back after three or four indifferent results and overcome the obvious problems he has inherited. Problems like moving from Glasgow to Aberdeen and all that entails ... new house and new surroundings.

And the problem too of stepping into the shoes of Ally MacLeod who became a real hero in the North East.

It will be a real cracker that game, so I only hope I am back in action for it.

Incidentally, I would like to hand out a bouquet to the fantastic Celts' supporters who have stood behind us all the way throughout the dark days of this autumn.

No matter how off-key the team was those green and white troops never eased off in their support for us. It did us all the world of good.

In fact, the only place that was busier than the Parkhead terraces was the treatment room. Jim Casey,

Alfie Conn and myself were all regular customers on Bob Rooney's treatment table and I've got a right good idea about the lay-out of the ceiling in there now!

Just at the end of October the leg felt great so I restarted training ... and set it right back. It was then that the specialist told me that the only cure was complete rest. But take it from me, that is one of the most boring things in the world.

I did some body exercises to keep in some sort of condition, but I didn't even go to the ground for training.

It was also a bit of a blow to miss out on that European Cup action in Austria ... but that's showbusiness.

Talking of missing out brings me nicely to the talented subject of Johan Cruyff, in the opinion of some the world's greatest footballer.

I reckon it is a major blow for football that the great man has decided to abdicate his World Cup crown and reconfirm his decision not to play any active part in the Finals in Argentina next summer.

If Scotland have to face the Dutch it certainly helps our cause, but on a wider spectrum I feel that the world's greatest soccer tournament should certainly be graced with the world's greatest players.

I would like to have seen Cruyff call it a World Cup day AFTER Argentina ... but he is his own man and we can only respect his decision.

There is obviously a lot of reasoning going on in his own head that swung the decision for him and no one knows his personal life ... but whatever caused the big refusal sure ain't good news for football.

The faint hope of course is that Pele made the same decision ... then had more comebacks than Frank Sinatra, but history has proved that Johan Cruyff is a man of his word.

Oh well, not to worry, perhaps Johan will fly to Buenos Aires to see Scotland lift the trophy he nearly got his hands on three years ago!

See you in two weeks ...

Danny McGrain

NEXT WEEK'S TARTAN
TALK BY RANGERS'
SKIPPER JOHN GREIG



"JOCK WALLACE must go!" That was the angry, derisive chant that hammered round Ibrox. Amid jeering and booing the Rangers' team trooped sadly off the field, beaten 2-0 by Hibs on August 20th.

Rangers fans, not famous for their patience, let everyone know what they wanted. They wanted manager Jock Wallace fired and they demanded at least SIX new players for their ailing team.

"They can shout at me all they like," said Wallace. "I can take it. I would prefer they aimed their jeers at me rather than one of my players. We'll get over this bad patch."

Wallace's words may not have made convincing reading at the time, but the Ibrox boss has been proved right. Rangers failed in Europe when they went out to Twente Enschede, of Holland. But that apart, they have been playing extremely well on the domestic front.

Their display against Aberdeen in the first-leg of their Third Round League Cup-tie at Ibrox was stunning. They had class. They had control. They had culture.

Rangers have been criticised in the past for relying on the iron grip rather than the velvet touch, but against The Dons they were



Rangers can look back to the 1975-76 season — when they won The Grand Slam — as their best in recent years.

superb. They were a team with talent and confidence... and the blend proved to be far too much for Billy McNeill's Aberdeen who were shattered even before half-time.

Four goals swept past international goalkeeper Bobby Clark in that frantic, pulsating, breathtaking first-half. The score finally settled at 6-1, but it could have been even more. If there had

been any doubts about the lack of poise in the Rangers side they were surely blown to smithereens with this dynamic performance.

Yet Rangers had started the season under a cloud. They were beaten 2-0 in the Tennent Caledonian Cup Final at Ibrox by West Brom. Their display that day was lacklustre and unimaginative. Their work-rate, normally a strong point, wasn't even good.

West Brom played well within their capabilities, but they were never extended to win. It was one of their first games without the midfield genius of Johnny Giles to guide them through the 90 minutes. Centre-half John Wile looked a bit lost at times when he gathered the ball, looked up for someone to come and get it... and no one did.

On those occasions Wile simply hammered a long ball down the middle of the park and this hardly enterprising tactic had Rangers in all sorts of trouble. Laurie Cunningham was being given time and room to go and fetch the ball and he severely punished the Ibrox rearguard by scoring both goals.

Rangers' problems that day were glaring. They didn't have enough players getting behind the ball when the other side was attacking and they did not have

NEVER before have the fortunes of Glasgow's Big Two of Celtic and Rangers fluctuated so rapidly and amazingly. Last season the Parkhead men were crowned Champions of Scotland. They were playing an exciting brand of sweeping soccer.

They were scoring goals at a tremendous rate and the Celtic fans were the happiest in the land. Rangers, though, were going through a bad patch. The previous year they had won all three domestic trophies, the League title, the Scottish Cup and the League Cup.

They ended the season with all three trophies being taken from Ibrox. The fans were unhappy. One side of Glasgow was bathing in the luxurious sunshine of praise and glory while the other was cloaked in the shadow of a hovering thundercloud.

Today, though, there has been an incredible somersault. The Celtic fans are deep in the doldrums... and the Rangers' support is on Cloud Nine! How did this unexpected transformation take place? This week SHOOT puts the focus on the Old Firm in a bid to provide an answer.

THE CRASH

everything to do with Dalglish's transfer. It's true they have been unlucky with injuries, but Celtic keep reminding everyone of their reserve talent. To be blunt, there is very little coming through on the Parkhead conveyor belt at the moment. That is why Jock Stein has been scouring the transfer market.

It's never been Stein's policy to attempt to buy his way out of trouble. He has never spent £100,000 on a player and the fans must wonder if he ever will!

Celtic's recent form has been

more of a thundering crash than a mere flop. The players who strode so majestically through last season are struggling to get things together.

A lot was expected of Ronnie Glavin, for instance. It was thought that he was playing in the shadow of Dalglish at Parkhead, never getting the praise his efforts deserved. Glavin scored 26 goals last season... unless he strikes a purple patch from now until the end of the programme he will not come anywhere near that total.

Glavin has gone off the boil, although his surging runs from midfield are still coming through. He is desperate to win back his goal touch, he is determined to succeed.

Alfie Conn was injured in the first League game of the season against Dundee United, but returned to the first team against St. Mirren. He was looking good on the ball, but, alas, nothing profitable came from his forays. Conn is the man Stein is looking for to take over the role Dalglish played in the side.

Conn has the confidence to take on the job, but he will need a little help and assistance from his team-mates. Roy Aitken was being termed as a "Boy Wonder" last term, but he has shaded off this season in the general decline.

CELTIC fans blinked in astonishment at the bungling in their defence. St. Mirren's Billy Stark took the ball up to three of their defenders strung out along the 18-yard line, beat them all and sent a right foot shot scorching past the helpless Peter Latchford to give his team a 2-1 victory and two points.

That goal is typical of the ones Celtic are losing this season. The team has been drained of confidence, they lack composure and the players are afraid to attempt even the simple things.

Kenny Dalglish has gone to Liverpool and a lot of people are only too willing to blame his departure for the recent slump. Celtic are missing the talents of Dalglish, there is no doubt about that, but then which team wouldn't?

However, it's nonsense to suggest their fall from grace has

Celtic players hold aloft the Scottish Cup after beating their Old Firm rivals last term. But so far this has been a disappointing season.



OF RANGERS~

any variations when they went forward themselves. Too often their moves fizzled out with a long ball into the middle and that was too easy for Wile.

Now, three months later, Rangers have emerged with an exciting and entertaining pattern. They are good to watch and easy to applaud. Young Bobby Russell has fitted in well in their midfield.

He is a good, right-sided player who will get even better with experience. However, he has tremendous vision and keeps things ticking over with his thoughtful and skilful promptings. Alex MacDonald is winning more 50-50 balls than he is losing and his industry allied to the precocious talents of Russell and Tommy McLean gives the Rangers' midfield a very healthy look.

With that important part of any team playing with precision and power the defence and attack can play with the utmost confidence. Derek Johnstone is buzzing again, once more a merchant of menace. Davie Cooper has one of the finest left feet in Scotland and Gordon Smith adds colour with his dashing raids.

Yes, things are looking very bright indeed for Rangers at the moment. Even the Ibrox "boo brigade" can't argue with that...



OF CELTIC

Tommy Burns has looked good in some games in the midfield, but, because of the rush of injuries, Stein has been forced to play him in some games at left-back! Danny McGrain, too, has suffered injury as has the unfortunate Pat Stanton, who is unlikely to return to first team action until February.

Joe Craig, so lethal and deadly last season, has had a slow start to the season and John Dowie, Stein's £25,000 buy from Fulham, has hardly set the fans aglow with his displays.

Tom McAdam, who cost £60,000 from Dundee United, will need time in settling into the Celtic pattern. He isn't contributing much to the overall play at the moment. Johnny Doyle and Paul Wilson play in fits and starts, but one bright feature has been the form of Peter Latchford in goal.

He was blamed, rightly, for Rangers' winning goal in the League game at Ibrox, but he has recovered his form and has been outstanding in a shaky rearguard.

So, Celtic don't have to look far for their problems. They possess some of the best players in Scotland, but that winning blend still escapes them. It will take all the genius of Jock Stein to help smooth the way to recovery.



Gordon Smith (above) on the attack against Clydebank. He scored twice for Rangers in their 4-1 home win. Celtic's Ben Casey (below) helped his side to a League Cup victory v. Motherwell.

TAKE A BREAK—IT'S QUIZ TIME

1. The Second Round second-leg ties in all the European Cup competitions were played recently. Liverpool lost 2-1 to Dynamo Dresden in East Germany. Did the European Champions progress to the next round on a 4-1, 5-2 or 6-3 aggregate score?

2. Who scored Liverpool's goal?

3. Scotland's sole remaining club in Europe, Celtic, suffered a 1-0, 2-0 or 3-0 defeat by SWW Innsbruck, Rapid Vienna or Linz ASK to go out 2-4 on aggregate?

4. Can you name the Celtic player who was sent off?

5. Newcastle were eliminated from the U.E.F.A. Cup 5-2 on aggregate by Bastia, a club from France, Belgium or Italy?

6. Les Tibbott scored for Ipswich in their 3-3 draw away to Las Palmas... who scored the other two?

7. Manchester United put up a brave fight before going out of the Cup-Winners' Cup to Porto. They won 5-2 at Old Trafford but what was the overall score?

8. Wolves' Alan Sunderland (below) was transferred to which London club recently?



9. Another player on the move was Brian Flynn (below). He left Burnley to join Leeds United for around £170,000. Did the Welsh midfielder star make his debut for the Elland Road club against Norwich, Newcastle or Manchester City?



10. Out of all the 38 clubs in the Scottish League six start with the letter "A". Can you name them?

11. Kevin Keegan (Hamburger SV), Mel Blyth (on loan to Crystal Palace) and Ray Clemence (Liverpool), began their League careers with which Fourth Division club?

12. Did Everton's Duncan McKenzie score 31, 41 or 51 League goals in his 101, 111 or 121 Football League appearances for Nottingham Forest?

13. In a League Cup Third Round replay, Bury beat Millwall 2-0. Was the game played at Gigg Lane or The Den?

14. Three players received their marching orders. Can you name them?

15. True or false? After a spell as caretaker manager of Birmingham City, Sir Alf Ramsey agreed to take over team affairs permanently. It's his first managerial post since being sacked by England in 1974.

QUIZ TIME ANSWERS

1. 6-3. 2. Steve Heighway. 3. 3-0 by SWW Innsbruck. 4. Andy Lynch. 5. France. 6. Paul Mariner. 7. 6-5 to Porto. 8. Arsenal. 9. Norwich. 10. Aberdeen, Albion Rovers, Alton, Arbroath, Ayr United, 11. Scunthorpe United, 12. 4-1, 11-13. Gigg Lane. 14. John Seaman and Dave Donaldson of Millwall and Bury's Dave Hutton. 15. True.

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Personal Callers Welcome

Wembley again — and a bid for the Championship — that's the mood at up-and-coming Everton

'I prefer scoring goals' - Duncan McKenzie

EVERTON must win something this season — I fancy us for the F.A. or League Cup, and think we'll finish in a high League position at least."

In making this forecast, Duncan McKenzie goes back to last season for facts to justify his optimism.

"It's true that we lost in the League Cup Final and the F.A. Cup Semi-Final," recalls Duncan. "But in getting as far as we did we proved there was a pattern emerging in our team-building plans. Now we have to improve on it, and with a playing pool of 20 or so there is plenty of talent to draw on."

"In my own case, playing up-front gives me the most satisfaction. I prefer scoring goals, and as a striker alongside big Bob Latchford, I hope to get my full quota."

McKenzie, whose individual skills have resulted in £650,000 being spent on him in transfer fees in recent years, is happy on Merseyside.

"I'll shortly be moving into my new home here, and feel settled in Liverpool. My wife, who was born in the city, used to be a keen



Liverpool supporter, but now she has changed her allegiance!

"And I'm very conscious of the friendly rivalry between Goodison and Anfield, with Liverpool's successes making them the top dogs at the moment. Still, it does have one good effect — it acts as a spur to Everton to do better."

"And we all want to improve, because we've a hard core of supporters who travel to our away matches as well as cheering us on at home. They certainly deserve a winning side."

As a player who sampled Continental soccer with Anderlecht, Duncan does not hold the view that English First Division teams have anything to learn from their opposite numbers in Belgium.

He says: "The football over there was slower and the standard more mixed than it is in England, and the crowds are smaller. Many Belgians are mainly interested in cycling, and I didn't enjoy my spell with Anderlecht."

"Before joining Everton from the Belgian club, I had some good times with Nottingham Forest and later with Leeds United. As Forest were my first club, I suppose I still have a soft spot for them and always look up their results in the papers — I think Brian Clough has done, and will continue to do, a fine job with them."

"And those people who have written off Leeds could have a surprise or two coming to them, because I believe United are a long way from being a spent force. But it's Everton I'm concerned with now, and I had my greatest moment in soccer so far when I ran out with them at Wembley in last season's League Cup Final."

"Just playing at Wembley is a great experience, and one I would like to duplicate again this season. And I also have a personal ambition to play for England in the future — this is something I haven't given up on yet."

But if McKenzie has enjoyed his greatest thrill with Everton, he has also experienced less happy moments with the Merseysiders.

"I'm disappointed every time we lose," confesses Duncan. "Which is why I'm determined to help in making Everton title challengers. Of course, I know the opposition we can expect from other clubs with the same idea, such as Liverpool and Manchester City."

"But we are well-placed to finish as Champions."

'Our defence is solid' - Mike Lyons

LAST season, Everton's Mike Lyons predicted it would be a make-or-break period for the Goodison men — that 1976-77 would prove whether or not his team were capable of challenging Liverpool's supremacy on Merseyside.

Today, Mike is able to look back and assess what Everton have accomplished in the past months. And he has reached the conclusion that the Blues are really on the march.

"At the end of last term, by Merseyside standards, we had got nowhere. But when I took a look at the general situation, I realised Everton had achieved enough to guarantee some optimism for the future."

"For example, although we hadn't a single trophy to show for our efforts, we had reached the Semi-Finals of the F.A. Cup and the Final of the League Cup. Also, Everton had finished ninth in the League."

"Of course, there was tremendous disappointment at the club following our Cup defeats. And of the two of them, it was our Semi-Final exit against Liverpool in the F.A. Cup that was the hardest to bear."

"But our defeat by Liverpool had one good effect. Instead of leaving us with the impression that they were a better side than Everton, we came away from the ground feeling that we were their equals."

"Yet at that stage in the season, there was little else we could do to prove it. Now, in 1977-78, we have the opportunity in the months ahead to make our title bid — we got a point against Liverpool at Anfield in October — and make another effort to get to Wembley."

And to back up his claims of an Everton revival, Mike makes an analysis of the points in his club's favour.

"Two players we've bought, Dave Thomas and George Wood, have fitted in well, and there has been a general mood of confidence in the team which has steadily developed this term. Our defence is solid, and 19-year-old Mark Higgins is making a name for himself — he is set for a fine future."

"And Bob Latchford has been right on target, a real problem for defenders, and linking up so well with Duncan McKenzie — Duncan's work-rate is very impressive

these days. Throughout the side, we are achieving the sort of balance we've been aiming at for a long time — our manager, Gordon Lee, in getting this correct blend has also boosted our morale."

"But I'm not kidding myself anything is going to be easy. Liverpool can never be written off and Nottingham Forest are making a determined challenge. So far, Forest are not showing any signs of folding and a lot will depend on how they can cope if they've a crop of injuries."

"Another side who have impressed me are Middlesbrough. They have some good players, with Graham Souness outstanding."

"So Everton face opposition to any schemes they have of winning success, but the way we've picked up points away has been very encouraging."

From a personal point of view, Mike has one wish he would like to realise — a return to Wembley.

"After last season's appearance there, I've often thought it would be a wonderful experience to go back. But what I would most like is for Everton to attain a reputation as one of the leading teams. There are great traditions here at Goodison, and for us to make our mark in the future and stay at the top must rate as my main ambition."



FOCUS ON



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PREVIOUS CLUB: Preston North End
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CAR: Toyota Coupe
FAVOURITE PLAYER: Colin Todd
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Preston
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: I've yet to find an easy one
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: Eire v. Poland in Dublin last season
BIGGEST THRILL: League debut with Preston
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing to Scarborough in the F.A. Cup
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Holland
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lancashire hot-pot

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Any ball games, sunbathing
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Car failure, hooliganism
FAVOURITE TV SHOWS: Call My Bluff, Jacques Cousteau
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Eagles, Deniece Williams
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Jack Nicholson, Claudia Cardinale
BEST FRIEND: My girl-friend Elle
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family and Nobby Stiles at Preston
BIGGEST DRAG IN SOCCER: The hour before the kick-off

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two Eire caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To make the most of life
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help Brighton to the First Division
IF YOU WEREN'T A FOOTBALLER
WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'D BE? A cricketer, I hope
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD
WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Her Majesty The Queen

Mark Lawrenson

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